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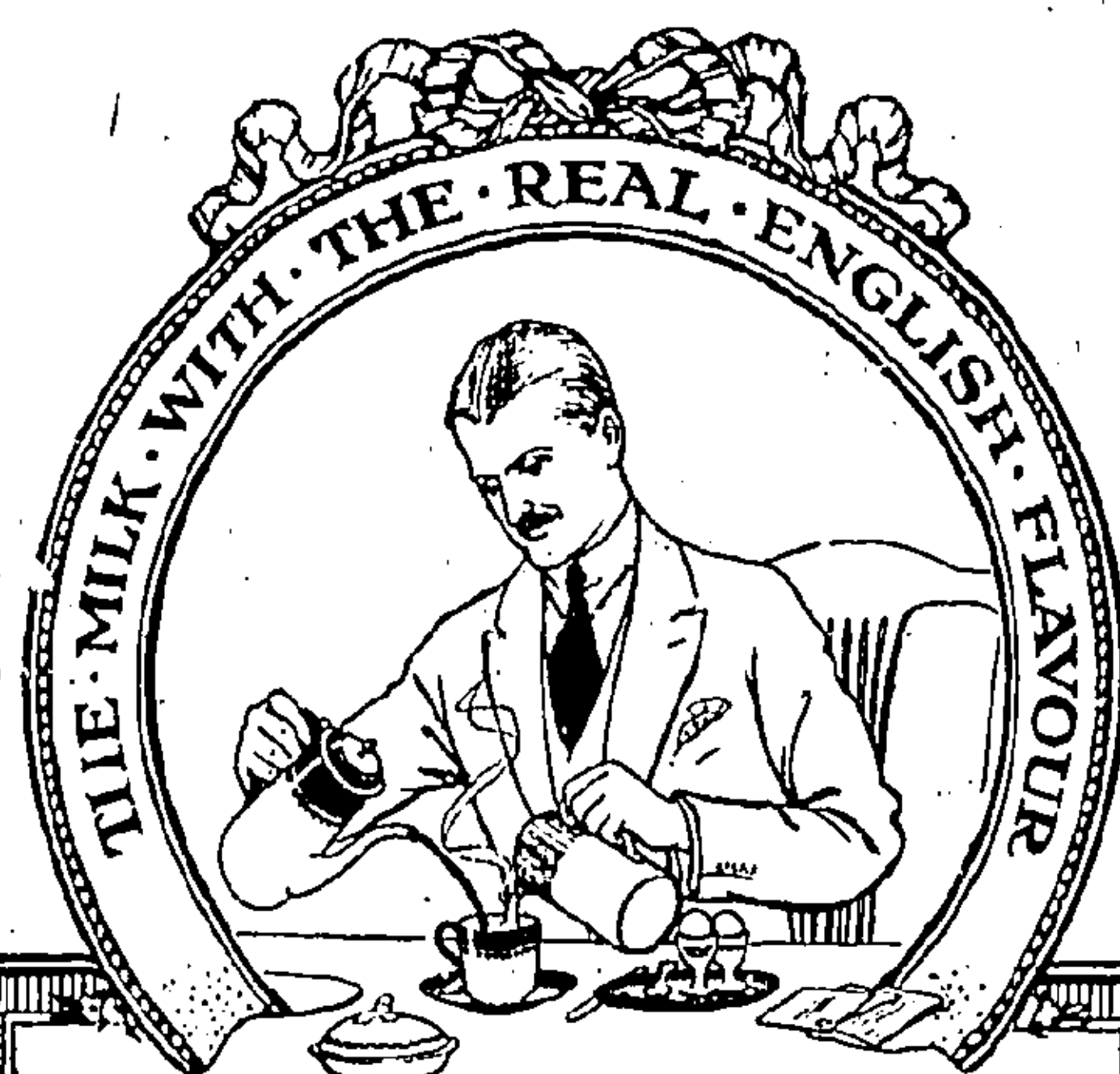
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TALK OF INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, September 21.
Reuter states that while highly cordial, the
cordiality of the French press well informed per-
sons in London are very cautious about expressing
an opinion in regard to the outcome of the
Baldwin-Poincaré interview, pending further
details, but it is suggested that the communiqué
issued in Paris may mean Poincaré has definitely
dissipated British suspicions in regard to the
ultimate objects of the French occupation of the
Ruhr.

As regards the suggestion that an inter-Allied
reparations conference may shortly be held it is
felt that if the preliminary conversations went well
that would undoubtedly be the next step, but much
clearing of ground is necessary previously. The
Premier will also undoubtedly wish to obtain the
views of the Dominion Premiers on reparations as
such a step would strengthen his position consider-
ably.

MR. BALDWIN'S RETURN.

LONDON, September 21.

Mr. Baldwin with his party arrived at Victoria.
He declined to make a statement.

TO PREVENT PLOTS.

LATEST SPANISH DECREE.

MADRID, September 21.

The Military Directory has issued a proclama-
tion establishing martial law and authorising the
summary handling of seditionists, saboteurs and
other plotters against the welfare of the State.

SQUASHING THE STRIKE.

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER TROUBLE.

NEW YORK, September 21.

A joint committee of the publishers and the
International Pressmen's Union has been appointed
to make arrangements whereby the Union will fill
the strikers' places.

LEAGUE.

NEW APPLICATION.

GENEVA, September 21.

Hedjaz has applied for admission to the League
of Nations.

COLOFN Y CYMRO.

Y mae Cymru yn myned rhagddi
mewn addysg. Mae awyryw hyspiau
Cymroig wrth law, a gwelir fod
Ysgolion Haf mewn gryn fri.
Sefydliadau a'i gyfer athrawon
advent yn bennaf, a y mae lle a
chroswyd ynddynt i wye darlledgar
o bob dosmth. Astudwr y lath a
llen a hwyd rhoddir amlygrwydd
i'r cwestiwn cynddeithiol yn ei
vabwdd gysylltiadau. Angen pob
gwlad heddyw ydyw i ddyngarwr ag
sydd yn ari i gaddi ei wasmuth
mewn ffordd effeithiol.

Ceir yn yr "Elydydd" Cyleh-
gawn Chwarterol Mudiad Crys-
tionogol Myfyrwyr Prydain Fawr
ae Twerddon ychydig am than ein
gwlad yn llywyr heddwch. Dyna
yr hyn iddydd.

"Dyna elo fudlad pwysig a gais
hyrwyddo undeb y gwledydd yng
ngwladwriaeth. Nid yw
pawb hyd yn oed yn awr yn
syddwddol i'r gwladwriaeth rhwng
"Cynghair y Cenhedloedd" ac
"Undeb Cynghair y Cenhedloedd."
Y mae y cyntaf yn gorff swyddogol,
a flurwyd yn Versailles o dan
mawdd uniongyrchol gwladol
wladwriaethau, trwy gyfmod a
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LAMBERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions

Understand have received various
lots to sell by Public Auction.on
MONDAY, September 24, 1923.at 11 a.m.
at No. 25 Godown, of the Hongkong &
Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon.

(For account of the concerned),

49 Cases Sulphur of Soda
(stored in No. 25 Godown)51 Bars Flat Iron
(stored in No. 10 Godown)40 Bars Flat Iron
(stored in No. 10 Godown)78 Bundles Round Iron
(stored in No. 51 Godown)

And

2 Cases Bamboo Steel
(stored in No. 16 Godown)

Terms—Cash on delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

on

TUESDAY, September 25, 1923,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

5 Cases Coloured Woollen Yarns

3 Cases Black Silk Gauze

5 Cases Sherry in Williams Copal
Varnish

5 Cases Naphthalene Balls

2 Cases Hydro Chloric Acid

19 Pieces Cotton Voiles

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And

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1923.

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Valuable Household Furniture.Comprising:—
Drawing room suite, chestfield
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wagon, cut glass, glass ware, teak
bedstead, teak wardrobe with glass
doors, dressing table, chest of drawers,
marble top washstand, toilet sets,
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And

A few pieces of Blackwood ware

And

One Baby Grand Piano (in excellent
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Level and Storage of water in reservoirs
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ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

On Disagreeable People.

If we look about us and ask

who are the agreeable and dis-

agreeable people in the world, we

shall see that it does not so much

depend on their virtues or vices—

as on the degree of pleasure or

pain they seem to feel in ordinary

social intercourse. What signify

all the good qualities anyone pos-

sesses, if he is none the better for

them himself? If the cause is so

delightful, the effect ought to be

so too. We enjoy a friend's society

only in proportion as he is satisfied

with ours.

White Magic.

Science supercedes superstition

very slowly in the rural areas, and

there are still people who believe

that the caterpillar plague now

threatening many fruit crops could

most effectively be cleared away

by the use of witchcraft, observes

the Morning Post. Prayers for the

safety of the crop can be under-

stand, but the idea of bringing out

the Bishop of the diocese solemnly

to curse the pest seems ludicrous,

yet that used to be a practice in the

olden days. There are folks who

will tell you that the planting of a

lily tree on which a cross has been

carved is the poultry yard and

safeguard the flock against all ills,

and an old cure still advocated by

some old folks, is to burn a piece

of briar bush under the beak of

fowls attacked with roup, at the

same time repeating the Lord's

Prayer backwards.

Watercress as Food.

At the British Medical Association

Conference at Portsmouth a

discussion took place on what is

regarded as the most important

factor in the prevention of disease

—viz., food. Dr. Harold Scudfield

urged a much more extensive use

of watercress, which, he said, was

believed to contain the three essen-

tial vitamins. Even the ancient

Greeks used to regard watercress

as food for the mind, and to-day it

was considered a stimulant to the

body. Watercress thus had a

reputation as a health-promoting

food. The speaker emphasised the

importance of proving that

cress came from a source which

was above suspicion. The industry

was quite important though to

justify proper precautions, and

large growers would, he felt sure,

welcome inspection. From an

agricultural point of view there

was undoubtedly much land, worth

only a nominal rent, which, if con-

verted into cress beds, would be

worth £15 to £10 per acre. He

thought the more extended use

of watercress might prove an ap-
preciable help in remedying dietary
errors. Dr. Smedley spoke of how
he had tried to encourage the use
of green food among patients, but
they were unwilling to eat lettuce
to any extent. It was perfectly
ludicrous to see beautiful beds of
lettuce going to waste. People now
devoured tomatoes, whereas they
used to eat spring onions and
lettuce.

Thought Photography.

A process by which thought

photographs are said to have been

obtained (a *Reuter's* message from
Los Angeles states) has been
explained in an interview to
newspaper representatives by the
vice-president of the California
Psychical Research Society, who
exhibited a number of photographs

to prove his assertions.

"A camera is not used in the process,"

he said. "Only a sealed plate of

film is required. Anyone who has

the power of concentration, and

can think clearly, definitely, and

concisely could try the experi-

ment." In taking the thought

picture of a cross an ordinary pho-

tographic plate was wrapped in an

opaque black paper, securely

sealed in a yellow envelope, and

suspended twelve inches before

the eye of the experimenter. The

subject wrote on a piece of paper

what he thought he would concen-

trate on, and handed it to a mem-

ber of the committee supervising

the test. He drew a rough sketch

of the object, studied it for five

minutes, laid it aside, and con-

centrated next for ten minutes on

the photograph; plate, but without

touching it. The plate was then

taken into an adjoining dark

room and developed with the

result that a cross came out clear

and strong. The subject had

written on the piece of paper given

to the committee the words,

"I will think of a cross."

"Nearly Fool-Proof."

Professor Sir Arthur Keith, in

giving the Huxley lecture at the

Charing-cross Hospital Medical

School had as his subject "Recent

Advances in Science and their

Bearing on Medicine and Surgery."

Sir Arthur said that when they got

to know of the extraordinary con-

trivances of the human body to

secure immunity from various

things they saw how Nature had

rendered it as nearly fool-proof as

it could well be. What they had

to ascertain and show was how

the wonderful contrivances which

constituted the human body came

about. Men who were most able

and had traced the evolution of

animals age after age, and had

made a great study of heredity,

held the opinion that the destiny of

evolution was something which was

inherent in the germ plasma, and

was something mankind had no

control over. All the sections of

human formation were foreshadow-

ed before they came into existence.

They might poison a germ plasma,

but by no means known at present

could they influence it in such a

way as to affect the human con-

stitution. The progress of a peo-

ple from barbarism to civilisation

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 5th day of October, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July 1923.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 27th September to 5th October, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order,
M. MANUK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1923.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st to 8th October 1923 (both days inclusive).

Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on and after the 9th prox.

By Order of the Board,
E. COCK,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 17, 1923.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

BRITISH SECTION.

NOTICE.

DURING suspension of the through express service, an additional local train will leave Kowloon on Sundays and Public Holidays at 2.52 p.m., returning from SHUM CHUN at 6.30 p.m.

ROBERT BAKER,
Manager.

Kowloon, 19th September, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded that ENTRIES for the FOURTH GYMKHANA to be held on the 6th and 8th October, 1923, close on SATURDAY next, the 22nd inst.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1923.

NOTICE.

WILL Mr. GEORGE F. OBER kindly communicate with P. O. Box 213 Hongkong?

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the City Hall on FRIDAY, 28th inst., at 5.45 p.m.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th September, 1923.

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Hongkong, August 28, 1923.

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JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER.

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NOTICE.

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Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China.
Mercantile Bank of India.
International Banking Corporation.
Netherlands Trading Society.
Yokohama Specie Bank.
Hongkong Club.

Cheques should be made out to the Order of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Secretary,
HONGKONG RELIEF COMMITTEE,
Hongkong, 10th September, 1923.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

A Australian rifle team will shoot at Biscy next year.

The 1,700th performance at the Paris Opera Comique of Bizet's "Carmen" has been given.

A revival of folk and morris dancing by hundreds of school children was seen at the Wiltshire Musical Festival.

Spanish political circles are surprised that in the Madrid elections five Socialists were returned, compared with two Liberals and one Independent.

Miss Marie Tempest, the actress, is about to write her reminiscences, according to "Quex" in his "Diary of a Man About Town" in the London Evening News.

There were 12 strikes of co-operative societies' employees last year, Sir Montague Barlow, Minister of Labour, stated in the House of Commons.

Parties of elementary school children are to be allowed by the London County Council Education Committee to visit adopted towns in France on the invitation of the French Government.

It was stated at a Reford, Nottinghamshire, inquest on Caroline Wilmet, a single woman, that she had swallowed at different times two darning needles, one ordinary needle, two safety pins, and two table fork tines.

The Melbourne Evening Sun states that it has specially engaged Mr. W. M. Hughes, the former Prime Minister of Australia, to write two or three articles a week dealing with Australian, imperial, and international affairs.

Annie Ward, a postman's wife, who was bound over in Hull Police Court after attempting to commit suicide by jumping into a dock, was found by her son next morning with her throat cut in two places, necessitating the insertion of a tube with nine stitches.

As an inmate of Lambeth Infirmary pleaded that he was convinced that he would be cured of his neuritis if he could get to Lourdes, the guardians agreed to give him back most of the money he had on admission so that he could make the pilgrimage.

A perfect copy of the rare second edition of Bacon's Essays, published 325 years ago, from the library of Bentley Hall, Staffordshire, where it was found on the floor, and which at one time changed hands at a penny, was sold for £470 at Hodgson's, Chancery-lane, W. C.

Three bodies, the last of the eight victims of the Apedale mine flooding at Chester, Staffordshire, on April 25, have been recovered.

Mr. Harry Weldon, the comedian, who was taken ill when performing in Manchester at the end of March, is in a serious condition at his home at Majda Vale.

For striking a member of the opposing team and breaking his jaw during a football match on April 21, John Jeffery, 19, of Sandgate, Kent, was fined £2 at Hythe.

Two L.C.C. tramway-cars collided in Vauxhall Bridge-road S.W., one passenger being severely bruised and six others complaining of shock and cuts from falling glass.

John Hope, a Glasgow solicitor and ex-member of the town council, was sentenced at Glasgow to 18 months imprisonment for embezzling trust funds amounting to £3,272.

The King of Spain, who, with the Queen, is visiting Brussels, called on Cardinal Mercier at Malines, while the Queen visited the Brussels Art Galleries and the cathedral.

A jewel sale at Christie's, King-street, S.W., brought the large total of £33,652 a dozen of the items being sold for more than £1,000 each. An emerald and brilliant ornament brought £3,000.

Heads of schools under the London County Council are to be invited by the Education Committee to consider whether facilities should be given once a year for parents to see the schools at work.

Opening a parcel sent on April 23 from a south coast watering-place to Tonbridge Station, Kent, and marked "To be called for," a railway clerk found it contained the body of a newly born child.

In the week ended April 21, the coal output at the mines of Great Britain was 5,624,900 tons, as against 5,776,600 tons in the previous week. The wage-earners numbered 1,152,600, as against 1,149,400.

Tramways and light railways in Great Britain carried 4,256,268,692 passengers during the year 1921-22, a decrease of nearly 9 per cent as compared with the previous year, but net receipts increased by £1,335,544 to £5,688,047.

A Norwich firm of boot and shoe manufacturers, Messrs. P. Haldin-stein and Co., have started a summer experiment of a 5 days' working week. The usual number of hours will be worked, but work will cease on Friday night instead of Saturday noon.

LONDON NIGHT LIFE.

AMERICAN BISHOP'S CRITICISM.

"There is more temptation for the average middle-class man in London than in any city of the world which I have visited with the exception of Paris."

This is the opinion of Bishop James Cannon, of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) of the United States, now on his twelfth visit to this country.

"The night life of London," he said "does not for open vice compare with the conditions which prevailed during the war period, but it is much worse than before the war."

Another thing which impressed the bishop was the freedom with which women enter public-houses. Turning to his own country, the bishop said that there is more open loose living there than before the war. This he attributes largely to the demoralising effect of the French environment on the 2,000,000 young Americans during the war.

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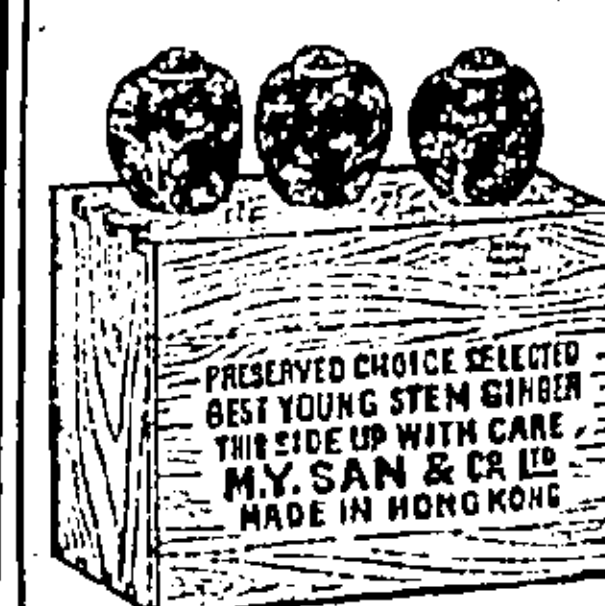
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPT. 22, 1923.

ROBIN HOOD.

It is more years ago than we care to remember when, happening upon a volume of Sir Walter Scott's we came on to another of the many sides of our glorious English literature, and had opened to our young eyes and mind a vista such as we never imagined. We turn back occasionally from the problems which the modern novel affects to deal with, to the more healthful and more straight-forward stories which Walter Scott gave us and which are to this day, and will be as long as the English language lasts, a monument to his memory and a source of pride and gratification to all who speak the King's English and who delight in the age of chivalry and sigh for its return. It is more than a matter of coincidence that our first reading of Scott was his *Levanthoe*. We have but a dim and hazy recollection of the main outline of the story, but one fact and one character stands out in our memory to-day as it did when we laid down the book with a sigh and a sense that here indeed was something good; something we could think and talk about; something we could recommend—and best of all something we could go back to. King Richard intrigued us as did the view of the English Court at that time; Prince John caused us not a little perturbation, whilst for the Lady Marian, Little John, Alan-a-Dale, and the Jolly Friar Tuck, we waxed enthusiastic. But head and shoulders above them all stood the Earl of Huntingdon, to blossom out into that greater character, Robin Hood. All these people have

been revived anew, for it has been our privilege to witness a "dress rehearsal" of the film bearing his name which to-day and during the coming week is to be offered to the discerning public of Hongkong at the Coronet Theatre. We are prejudiced in the matter of the Cinema and in its favour let it be added. And when we see such productions as this Robin Hood, our prejudice and our enthusiasm know no bounds. Robin Hood lives for us in these quickly passing incidents. King Richard stalks before us in all his blatant Englishness. Prince John we are distinctly sorry for. Here obviously is a noble character gone wrong. The others are as Scott limned them, and that is the best testimony we can give. A distinctly prosaic reference we have read makes Robin a medieval hero. He was probably a historic character though the question has been much debated; but always he is depicted as a brave and chivalrous adventurer who, as set forth in *Levanthoe*, had his quarters in Sherwood Forest from which he dispensed justice and was ever the friend of the poor. It will be open to debate if Douglas Fairbanks "reading" of the character will please everybody. We imagine it to be a difficult thing for Fairbanks to lash himself into any character which precludes him from the display of those wonderful characteristics of good-humoured, and good-natured vigour with which an all-wise providence has endowed him. Here he is in the early opening of the story, a gallant knight, a brave and fearless fighter, a timid lover where his lady is concerned; his King's most trusted helper, and later a defender of the poor and a vanquisher of his enemies. We are not sure which are the better parts of this engaging and entrancing story—the earlier or the later scenes. The earlier ones show us

England as she probably was in King Richard's day. There are knights at their jousts; the petty deceptions and the acts of jealousy. Later come the Sherwood Forest scenes and the typically Douglas acts and actions. It is not merely a one-man production. Whilst interest is centred in what Robin Hood is doing, we are all the time conscious that the other characters are being portrayed by artists of true stamp, who have thought out their parts and carry them to realistic conclusions. It may be ironic that a classic and an epic of England has been done by Americans. That is, probably all to the good for no effort or expense has been spared to make this an English story. It will delight not merely the Britisher, but those who love a well-told story. Added to it is music which in itself is a classic—none other than Elgar's, played superbly. Congratulations then to those who have produced this story, to those who have been privileged to take part in it, and to those who have had the enterprise to make it possible to see it.

Soccer.

To at least 781,000 (that being the estimated number) who are said to have attended the opening matches of the Association, or "Soccer," football season at home, September the first has burst upon them with agreeable spontaneity. To a far greater number than 781,000, so large a number that statisticians may well pale at the enormity of it, the season has been heralded with inward and outward manifestations of pleasure. For it is not merely the professional games that occupy and take up so much of men's attention at home—who look forward to the Saturday games, who talk about them in his office and work-shop, and alas! is willing to have a "falter" on the result, who buys his evening and Sunday paper to compare notes and to watch the progress of the League tables, and who is an authority on this and that half-back; this centre forward, and that outside left, and who can tell you who is the greatest goal-keeper that ever was. The youth of England is just as interested, but is interested in a greater and perhaps better degree: for he himself wishes to play. He joins a club and lives in a state of frenzy until Friday evening of each week when he may expect to know if he has been selected to play. League games dot the big and little cities of England to-day, consisting as they do of from about a dozen to twenty clubs, all possessing names of glamorous hue. Here are the Albion, the Swifts, the St. Martin's Wanderers, the Scotland Rovers, and others of similar nomenclature. It is a good thing that the youth of this kind of way. They discipline themselves and they are disciplined by exacting rules. Fines may be imposed by turning up late, or without the requisite number of men, or for a badly marked field, and a strong-willed referee sees that the game is played in strict conformity with the rules and with due regard to true sportsmanship. At the end of his season gold medals are awarded the winners, and silver ones to the runners up, whilst there is the possibility of being the proud "captain" for a year of a silver cup. Many of our leading professional players have in their time been these youthful amateur footballers. A sign of the times is of course the introduction of the game into the Far East, and we are all proud of the play and the exploits of our own South China Athletic Club, who play the game well, gracefully, and with such a verve and success that they are now delighting Australians with their prowess as well as with their bearing. Cricket may nominally be the premier English game, but it holds second place in the affections of the British public and is likely to do so until the crack of doom.

An Expensive Item.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang's quiet observations at the Legislative Council, like all quiet observations, were to the point. On a vote of \$15,000 on account of the Kowloon-Canton Railway he truly remarked "This railway is becoming a very expensive item" and later "we are pouring money into it, now," also commenting on the fact that the Government recently voted a sum for more wagons, "because the Chinese section could not maintain their proportion." It would be interesting to have a statement showing what has been the capital outlay on the railway and what the return has been thereon; what has been the yearly extra votes; and what is due from the Chinese section in respect of the wagons mentioned and for other matters in which they have not kept to agree-

ment. We imagine if ordinary British capital had been sunk into this venture and the thing run as an ordinary limited company, the affair by this time would have had to close down and seek fresh lines and engines now, so to speak. But the Government has unlimited supplies of cash and is willing—it cannot help itself it must be admitted—to pour it into the yawning railway aperture. It is another matter where British enterprise is being retarded by foolish military "enterprises," and where British patience and tranquillity have to be exercised. Mr. Tang is to be thanked for having drawn attention to the matter in the quiet and efficient way we have mentioned. As he finally remarked: "We cannot very well abandon it (the railway) now." If some people could have their intelligence punched with the same degree of facility that tickets are punched, that Kowloon to London railway might by now be something more than a figment of the imagination.

Shareholders.

Whilst we applaud Mr. W. A. Dowley's outspokenness and even his choice of words, at the Hide and Leather Co.'s meeting, regarding the apathy of shareholders, we can hold out no hope of reform. Besides which, Mr. Dowley is rather late in the day. Had the Hide Company been the success its promoters hoped it would be, there would still be the same apathy on the part of shareholders, and we fear there would have been no outspokenness on the part of Mr. Dowley. Shareholders have either an abounding childlike faith in the family of Directors who direct local concerns or take no interest in their holdings beyond hoping for a rise in the value of them, or a reasonable dividend at the end of the financial year. The Bank's annual meeting is probably the only one that is adequately attended, and this we imagine because it is considered "the thing," and because the Chairman generally makes a pronouncement of a character that commands, if not world-wide attention, at any rate attention throughout China. For the rest, meetings are sparsely attended. The only inference is in Mr. Dowley's words, that they don't care a continental.

To-day's Poem.

(Hullo)
When you see a man in woe
Walk right up and say "Hullo!"
Say "Hullo!" and "How d'ye do?"
"How's the world again, you?"
Shut the fellow on his back,
Bring yer han' down with a whack;
Waltz right up, an' don't go slow,
Gin an' shake an' say "Hullo!"

Is he clothed in rags? O sho!
Walk right up and say "Hullo!"
Rags is but a cotton roll,
Jest for wrapping up a soul.
An' a soul is worth a true
Hale and hearty "How d'ye do?"
Don't wait for the crowd to go,
Walk right up and say "Hullo!"

When big vessels meet, they say,
They saloot an' sail away,
Jest the same are you an' me—
Lonesome ships upon a sea.
Each one sailing his own jag,
For a port beyond the fog;
Let yer speaking trumpet blow,
Lift yer horn an' say "Hullo!"

Say "Hullo!" and "How d'ye do?"
Other folks are good as you.
When yer leave yer house of clay,
Wanderin' in the Far-Away,
When you travel through the strange
Country 't'other side the range,
Then the souls you've cheered will know
Who ye be, an' say "Hullo!"

—S. W. Foss.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 22.—Coronet Theatre: Douglas, Feidunks 14. "Robin Hood."
September 22.—Star Theatre: Jack Hoxie in "Don Quickshot of Rio Grande."
September 22.—World Theatre: "The Blue Lagoon."
September 22.—K.C.C. Concert.
September 22.—Theatre Royal: Bandman's Eastern Circuit Comedy Company's opening performance at 9.15 p.m. "Romance."
September 23.—World Theatre: Lew Cody in "The Beloved Child."
September 24.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Blueboard's 8th Wife," 9.15 p.m.
September 25.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Paddy, The Next Best Thing," 9.15 p.m.
September 26.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Secrets," 9.15 p.m.
September 27.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Naughty Wife," 9.15 p.m.
September 28.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Windows," 9.15 p.m.

September 29.—Theatre Royal, Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Fog O' My Heart," 9.15 p.m. SPORT.

September 22.—Lusitano Recreation Club's Sports at V.R.C. 2 p.m.
October 6-8.—Hongkong Jockey Club's fourth Gymkhana.

September 24.—At P.W.D. Offices, 2 lots of Crown Land, 8 p.m.

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MEETINGS.
September 23.—Annual general meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, 6.45 p.m.

October 2.—Ordinary general meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices, 20, Des Voeux Road, 11 a.m.

October 6.—Twenty-seventh ordinary annual meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The *China Mail* can, with all confidence, recommend its readers to pay a visit to "Robin Hood" during its showing at the Coronet Theatre.

On and after Monday, September 24th the Asia Banking Corporation will be located in new quarters, Prince's Building, Ice House Street.

A telegram to the local office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha states that the s.s. "Tamba Maru" and the s.s. "Tango Maru," both of which left Kobe yesterday, are bringing a number of earthquake refugees. The former vessel has 185 and the latter 54 on board.

The management of the World Theatre have secured the exclusive right of producing pictures of the stupendous volcanic eruption of Mount Etna in Sicily. This exceptionally splendid film which risked the lives of Pathé cameramen, will soon appear on the screen of the World Theatre.

Of the thirty-two thousand refugees from Yokohama and Tokyo, twenty thousand were carried by the N.Y.K. steamers, as also forty thousand tons of relief stuffs. The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kosai Maru" and "Hakui Maru" are running between Tokyo and Shimidzu carrying refugees who entrain at the last-named port. Besides, the N.Y.K. are maintaining service of two packet boats between Yokohama and Kobe.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Arthur George Pile has been gazetted an authorised architect.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Maltby were passengers on the outgoing "Dongola."

The Government Gazette notifies that the following names have been removed from the Colony's medical register:—Dr. Karl Hoch, Dr. Carol Just, Dr. Oskar Mueller-Meernach (formerly known as Dr. Oskar Muller), Dr. Kurt Otto Hermann Walther and Dr. Theodor Van Wesel.

Among the passengers on board the P. & O. s.s. "Nellore," which arrived from Home to-day, is Mr. A. S. Hett, B.A. Oxon., who is joining the teaching staff of the Hongkong University as lecturer. Mr. Hett passed with Honours in the English Literature Course for examination at Oxford, and has been a master at Uppingham for the last two years. Mr. Hett is a Hockey Blue, so he should prove a welcome addition to the local team.

ROMANCE.

OPENING PLAY.

There should be a crowded house at the Theatre to-night to witness "Romance" which is the opening play in a repertoire of successes that should keep Hongkong interested and amused, as never before. Miss N. Lewis and her colleagues are all tried artists and notices of their efforts in other places assure us of their ability to act as though to the man-

AS YOU LIKE IT.

WEEK-END SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Believing that PLATFORM, Constitutional Reform is not very far distant, and that high offices in local government will be open to all, the compilers of this column beg to announce their candidature for the offices of Governor and Colonial Secretary, and to give reasons, whereby they feel they deserve to be elected. Here are a few of their "planks": If elected they agree to make the chit system universal; on trams, payment of servants wages, drinks, etc., etc. They agree that they will not wear plus fours or speak of their wonderful golf play.

They undertake to throw open Government House on Sundays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays to all and sundry, from 3 to 11 p.m. On Mondays and Wednesdays the place will be closed in order that the silver and cutlery may be checked.

They agree to provide a "Municipal" orchestra and band; also to make as few speeches as possible. They will join all the Bowls Clubs in the Colony and develop corporations that will fit them to be included in any "Big Fours" that may hereafter be formed.

They agree to shoot on sight all vendors of panic news, such as the end of the island by earthquake, fire and water.

They agree to abolish the Jury system and to dispense free tips regarding shares.

They agree to kiss no babies—that is under the age of 17.

They agree to learn the Fox-trot, the one and two step, but they positively refuse to dance these to the tune of "Yes, we have no bananas."

They agree to knock down the present City Hall, and to rebuild with a magnificent edifice to be opened by their No. 1 Boy. Having joined the Philharmonic Society and the A.D.C., they feel they cannot undertake to join other organisations promoted for the welfare of the community, and to keep people from bars, but they will consider favourably joining the local Union Society, and the Buffs. They will not join the Band of Hope and the Girl Guides.

They promise, if elected, to invite Signor Mussolini to visit Hongkong, and will appear in public wearing black shirts and a ferocious look. They cannot see their way to eat either macaroni or hokey pokey. (Further "planks" will be given in due course.)

In his reminiscence volume, "Tales Retailed of Celebrities and Others," Sir Hastings D'Oyley tells the sad story of a certain famous physician's fee. He was a specialist and he used to charge very high fees; he also had the reputation of being particularly keen in seeing that he got guineas and not pounds only. A lady once consulted him, then handed him his fee wrapped up in a piece of paper. He stood with his back to the fire, put his hands behind his back, took off the piece of paper, and threw it into the fire; he then counted the coins and found only five, so he said to the lady, My fee is five guineas not pounds. She replied, I gave you five shillings wrapped up in a five-pound note. The doctor suddenly whipped round to try and recover the five-pound note, but it was too late, the note was burnt up!

Sir James Denham's book, "Memoirs of the Memorable," is a veritable mine of good stories. Here is one that was told to him by the Mackintosh of Mackintosh. "You must know that, until recent years, when a Scotch lawyer (whom we will call Mr. McIntyre of Glenlawe) was elevated to the Bench, he was not called Mr. Justice McIntyre as with us, but, taking his title from his place, he appeared as Lord Glenlawe, yet his wife was still only Mrs. McIntyre. A certain well-known Scotch Judge and his wife went abroad, and of course, appeared in the hotel lists as Lord Glenlawe and Mrs. McIntyre. The Mackintosh, seeing him next year, said, 'I suppose you're off to Switzerland soon?' 'Switzerland!' rejoined the Judge, 'I'll never set foot there again! I was turned out of three hotels for immorality! Bonnie Scotland's guid ene' for me!'"

"Lord Dunedin (says NEAT Sir James) tells the story of a man who was walking along the streets of Dublin quite gully. In his perilous progress he jolted against a passer-by. Do you know who that was? said a constable. 'That was Viscount Masserene and Ferrand,' 'Glory,' said the man, 'well they were both drunk!' This story recalls to the author, the anecdote of Fox and Grenville, who were walking down Bondstreet one day when they met Sheridan, to whom Fox says: 'Hey Sherry, we were just talking of you, wondering whether you are most 'knave' or fool.' Sheridan takes an arm of each and says: 'Well, do you know, I'm a little betwixt the two.'

LOCAL NEEDS.

WHICH ARE THE MOST URGENT?

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The award of the THE ONION in the third degree (unpicked) is, we hear to be given to President Calvin Coolidge for that he is one of the few Americans who do not own a motor car.

Sir Harry Lauder is an TRUE? enthusiastic golfer. One day he went onto the links, and found two "caddies" disengaged. On one of them offered his services. He asked why the other boy did not. "Oh," replied his caddy, "we tossed for the job." And you won?" said the comedian, genially. "No," said the boy, "I lost."

This great boon HAPPINESS may be defined briefly as a state of mind occurring in an organism at a moment when it happens to pass through an environment. It is thus most transitory in the highest and most sensitive organisms. A hog is therefore happier than a man, and a bacillus is happier than a hog. But when a man is drunk enough, he is sometimes almost as happy as a bacillus.

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A journalistic study in FAME Comparative Importance. Mr. Baldwin. Mr. L. George. "Times" 1 col. 1/4 col. "Chronicle" 1/4 col. 1/4 col. "Daily Mail" 1 col. 8 lines.

Fill bet. BETTING. That's better not, GRAMMAR. He bets his bot-tom dollar. We bet more. You betcha. They're bettin' a us.

BOOKS

CHINESE LITERATURE.

PROSE AND VERSE.

SPLENDID PRODUCTION.

About twice in a century a man writes a book that he is really capable of writing. About once in a thousand years a book is written by the only man who can write it. To paraphrase this somewhat in connection with the books under review, about twice in a century a man translates a book that he is really capable of translating and about once in a thousand years a book is translated by the only man who can translate it. This can truly be said of Herbert A. Giles who in 1893 gave us his rendition of "Gems of Chinese Literature" of which the second edition has now been issued. Adequately to review such a work predisposes a knowledge not merely of the Chinese language but of Chinese thought and feeling down the ages, a knowledge which is given but few to possess and to him pre-eminently to whom a tribute is due from the few who are able to assess as experts only one, and to the countless numbers who are willing and anxious to be led in the paths which lead to a vista that is entrancing, a wisdom that is enduring, and to gain an insight into the mind of a people who boast a civilisation superior to any yet known. "What work nobler than transplanting foreign thought," Carlyle's ringing phrase greets the eye as one opens the first of these volumes, and the simple statement of fact is abundantly demonstrated as the reader turns page after page of refreshingly fresh—as fresh as it was the early moment it was penned—of amazing insight, and delightful wisdom. To review and discuss such a work as this is to consider the Chinese as thinkers and philosophers. The work is described as "a venture in a new direction." There is no work leading to an acquaintanceship, however slight, with the general literature of China. Mr. Giles makes that good. The "installment" as the translator admits consists of short extracts from the works of the most famous writers of all ages, upon which time has set an inquiring seal. These are chronologically arranged and

cover a period extending from 550 B.C. to A.D. 1650. Short biographical and dynastic notices will be found scattered through the volumes in their proper places whilst foot notes adorn and make more plain some of the glorious passages which call for a clearer elucidation. In passages which cover a period of such a great length of time it is manifestly impossible to quote generously. We must dip here and extract there, for the space at our disposal is not sufficient to be generous. We may fail in our object to convey the idea we would be at, but we have already said sufficient to indicate how this noble and formidable work appeals to us. Here is the Duke of Chou who died 1105 B.C. writing "Against Drunkenness." To his "high officers and others" he says:—

"When you have done your duty in ministering to your parents and serving your sovereign, then you may drink and eat until you are tipsy and replete." In other words, subordinate your drinking to the merits of your lawful conduct. Lao Tzu (6th and 7th centuries B.C.) is responsible for words of wisdom beyond price: "Mighty is he who conquers himself," is a Pearl among many. "Those who know the Truth are not equal to those who love it; nor those who love it to those who delight in it," remarks K'ung Fu-Tzu. The prose section is not all exhortation; not all are phrases which give one to pause by reason of their elegant incisiveness, the clarity of their thought, and their general truth of aphorism. The book is studded with examples of delightful fantasy and paeis, all couched in beautiful terms, all more or less pointing a moral or adorning a tale. Sung Yu writes of the "Wind, and the Clouds." Tan Kungon "Divorce and Mourning." Meng Tzu on "Charity of Heart" and quotes Mencius on the Separation of Sexes. Han Fei, Bacon-like deals with "Circumstances After Cases," whilst another writes on "Does God Intervene." Scattered throughout the prose section are such arresting titles as "A Century Before Christ," "Courage," "On War," "Music," "The Disadvantages of Wealth," "Confucianism," "Creation," "The Genius of Wine,"

"Clubs," "How To Get On." Here is Lin Tse-Hsi "who appeared for a time in Mme. Tussaud's collection of celebrities" and who brought on war with Great Britain, represented by "A Letter to Queen Victoria." It is but one of many good things. Look at the "Miscellaneous" chapter. Read and consider the following:—

"Deal with the faults of others as gently as with your own."

"Three men's strength cannot prevail against Truth."

"If you bow at all, bow low."

"A man thinks he knows, but a woman knows better."

"The host is happy when the guest is gone."

"A bottle-nosed man may be a teetotaler, but no-one will think so."

"We do an injustice to this work by quoting what the ultra-clever may describe as only smart sayings, but our excuse is space, or its lack of it."

"Get the work and agree as you soon will that no-one who professes a desire to be acquainted with the literature of a mighty and a fascinating people, can be without these volumes. And agree also with the quotation in the preface that 'Untold treasures lie hidden in the rich folds of Chinese Literature.'"

In the verse volume Mr. Giles gives us to understand that all Chinese poetry is lyrical in the sense that originally it was intended to be set to music and sung—the best of all lyrics. Let us put him to the test.

"Don't come in, sir, please! Don't break my willow trees! Not that that would very much grieve me!

But ah—a day! What would my parents say?

And love you as I may, I cannot bear to think that would be."

This is the first verse on the first page as we begin to read of lines under the caption of "To a Young Gentleman." We may be wrong, but to us music of a soft-hearted lightness is suggested immediately. Discard this test and make it one of music only in the sound of words, or the magic of a message in rhyme, or thought, or whatever you will in whatever way verse may appeal to you. Disappointment will not be the reader's. Merely astonishment, wonder, praise, uplift, and the things which take the true reader out, above and beyond himself. Titles must suffice to indicate only the trend of these verses: "The Husbandman's Song," "Parted," "The Elbow of Life," "A Tryst," "Love's Sway." Here is "Ultimate Causes":—

Trees grow, not alike,
By the mound and the moat:
Birds sing in the forest
With varying note;
Of the fish in the river
Some dive and some float;
The mountains rise high
And the waters sink low,
But the why and the wherefore we never can know.

There is one other thing to be noted, and it is a pleasure to make reference to what will be obvious to these fortunate enough to possess these books. They are examples of the perfection of the printer's art.

We can imagine the pride which has been taken in producing two volumes in handy format and in a manner which greets and pleases the eye. They are indeed beautiful; fit coverings are these artistic bindings for royal things.

—C. G.

[Gems of Chinese Literature. Prose and Verse. Two Volumes \$10. Kelly & Walsh, Hongkong.]

NEW BOOKS.

THE DEAD COMMAND.

(Fisher Unwin, 7s. 6d. net.)

This novel by Vicente Blasco Ibanez, translated into living English by Frances Douglas, shows that strong Spanish writer in his earlier manner. The scene opens in a Majorcan palace, of which Jaime Febrer, the descendant of an old and illustrious family, has become almost literally the concierge rather than the master. Ruined as he was, however, Jaime remained in the grip of his ancestors, whose tarnished portraits flashed on his humiliation the flaming arrogance of the past. To restore the fortunes of his house he felt himself compelled to marry a rich woman, and, to the horror of his old housekeeper, he chose a rich Jewess, Catalina, the niece of one of his best friends, Captain Paolo Valls.

Externally, this seems a much-used theme for so distinguished a novelist, but Ibanez does not approach it in the spirit familiar to readers of ordinary English fiction. His characters are individualised with fierce intensity, and Majorcan, past and present, lives historically under his touch. For that "shudder of history" seems to pervade Jaime and Catalina, and even the sea wanderer Valls, who insisted always on his origin, "proclaiming in a loud voice his Chuetan ancestry

... as if defying the houses, the people, and the soul of the island, hostile to his race through the fanatical hatred of centuries." Still, Valls was against Jaime's marriage to his niece. For his friend was then too much in the grip of the past to take so bold a plunge into the future.

Among his tenants there was a certain peasant, Pep, of Can Mallorqui, who had a pretty daughter named Margalida. She was courted by many young men of the island, and at last, not through the hurried trick of an accomplished novelist, but rather through the inch-by-inch working of imagined experience, the aristocrat found himself among the suitors of this peasant girl. And Valls, who had protested against the marriage to Catalina, none the less favoured this much humbler union. For he realised that Febrer had really learned the meaning of renewed life: "No; the dead do not command. It is life that commands, and above life, love!" There are many digressions in this novel, but they are all rich with the savour of reality, and particularly interesting is the sketch of George Sand's love-story with Chopin in the island of Majorca.

(Book Club No. 11.)

THE CHINESE BUNGALOW.

By Marion Osmond. John Long, Ltd., 7s. net.

This story gives us a glimpse of the life of the British community in Malaya in novel form, and in this, her second book, Mrs. Osmond places the whole action of the book in Malaya. And cleverly contrived that action is.

Two eternal triangles, in which the central figures, members of the smart set at Gwala, and the occupants of the Chinese bungalow, Yuan Lu, his English wife and her sister, are all in some way concerned; a spice of the supernatural; and a mysterious girl, Sybilla, who remains a mysterious factor almost to the end of the book, form the basis of a plot which compels interest.

The wealthy Chinese, Yuan Lu, is the traditional Chinese of fiction, a sinister and inscrutable figure, speaking excellent English and dressing in European fashion, but actuated by the mysticism of the East. The lover of his white wife dies, but before dying, in an endeavour to put right a wrong he has done, asks his brother, the third man in the second triangle, to look

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after the mysterious Sybilla who is on her route from England. In this, the brother, Richard Marquess, a wealthy planter, is frustrated by Lu, who, believing in his own peculiar way that the soul of his wife's dead lover will remain earth-bound and unhappy until his wrongs have been set right, seeks revenge in preventing that which would set the earth-bound spirit free. The plot is complicated by the fact that he desires to possess his wife's sister who is loved by the young Englishman, Richard Marquess, and he asks for her in exchange for a letter which will enable Marquess to remain faithful to the promise given to his dying brother. Marquess is between two stools, as the Chinese man thinks, but fate unexpectedly takes a hand which leads to a thrilling anti-climax as the result of which matters are straightened out. The creation of characters which are as living beings in the mind of the reader is one of the stamps of literary genius which is only apparent in the works of very few contemporary novelists—their number could be counted on one's fingers—

and it is therefore no matter for surprise that Mrs. Osmond's characters are not very convincing. Apart from this, it is a capital novel, in a style which is light and readable and replete with many apt turns of expression. Her handling of the conversations is good, and she has succeeded in giving them a natural and true ring. The same may be said of the soliloquies which the book contains. The occasional descriptive touches, too, are good. On the pictures given of the social life of the white folks in Malaya and on the philosophy attributed to them, we will not comment. Suffice it to say three pictures may cause any British resident in Malaya who may read the book, to think, on the other hand, they may provoke a smile. It should be as popular as is "The Owl and the Moon," with which the writer made her literary debut a year ago. It may be mentioned that the book is one of the novels which was closely in the running for the 1921 John Long £500 prize for the best first novel.

(Book Club No.)

JAPAN'S TERRIBLE DISASTER.



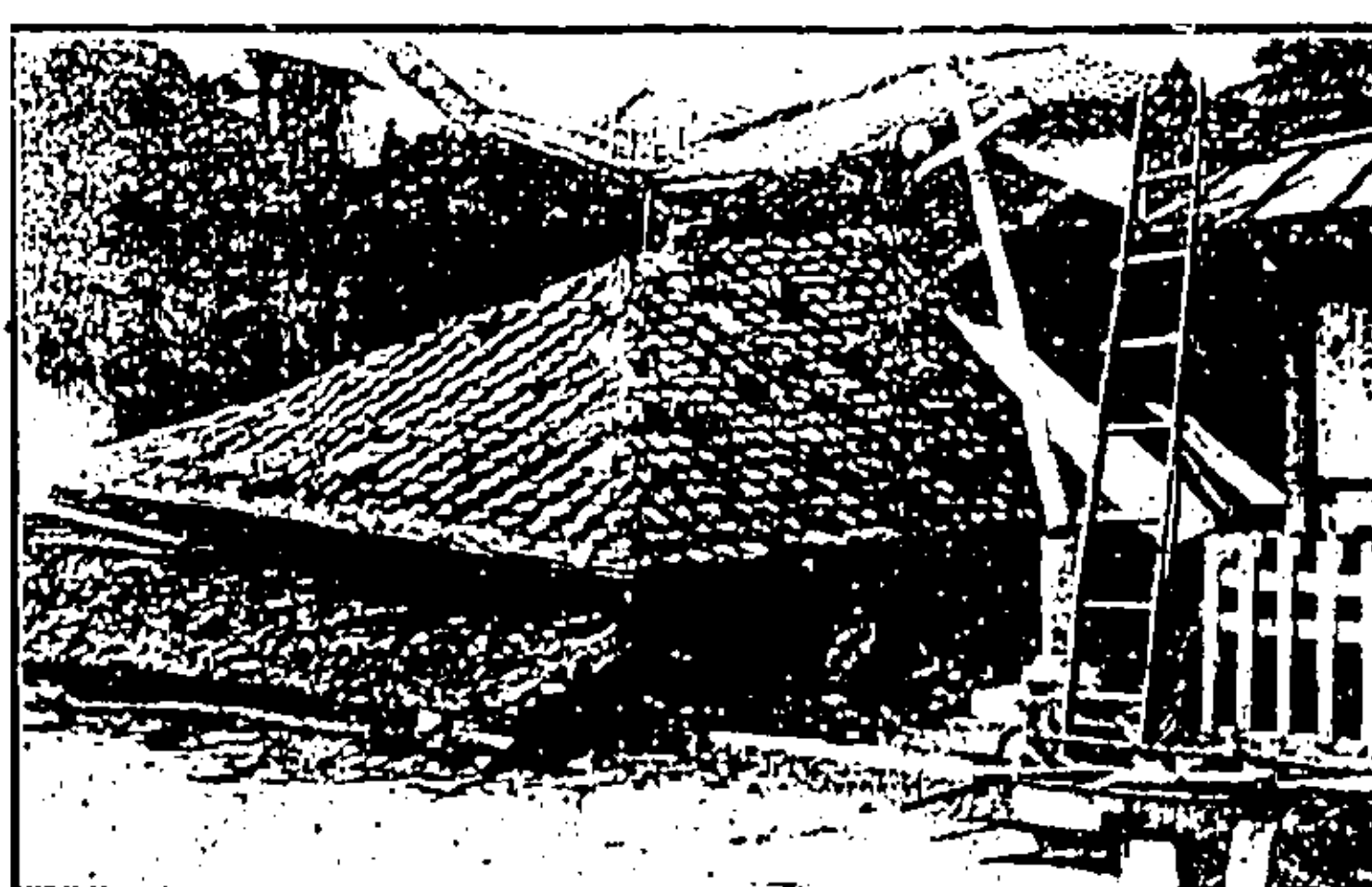
Building which crashed into the street, killing several people.



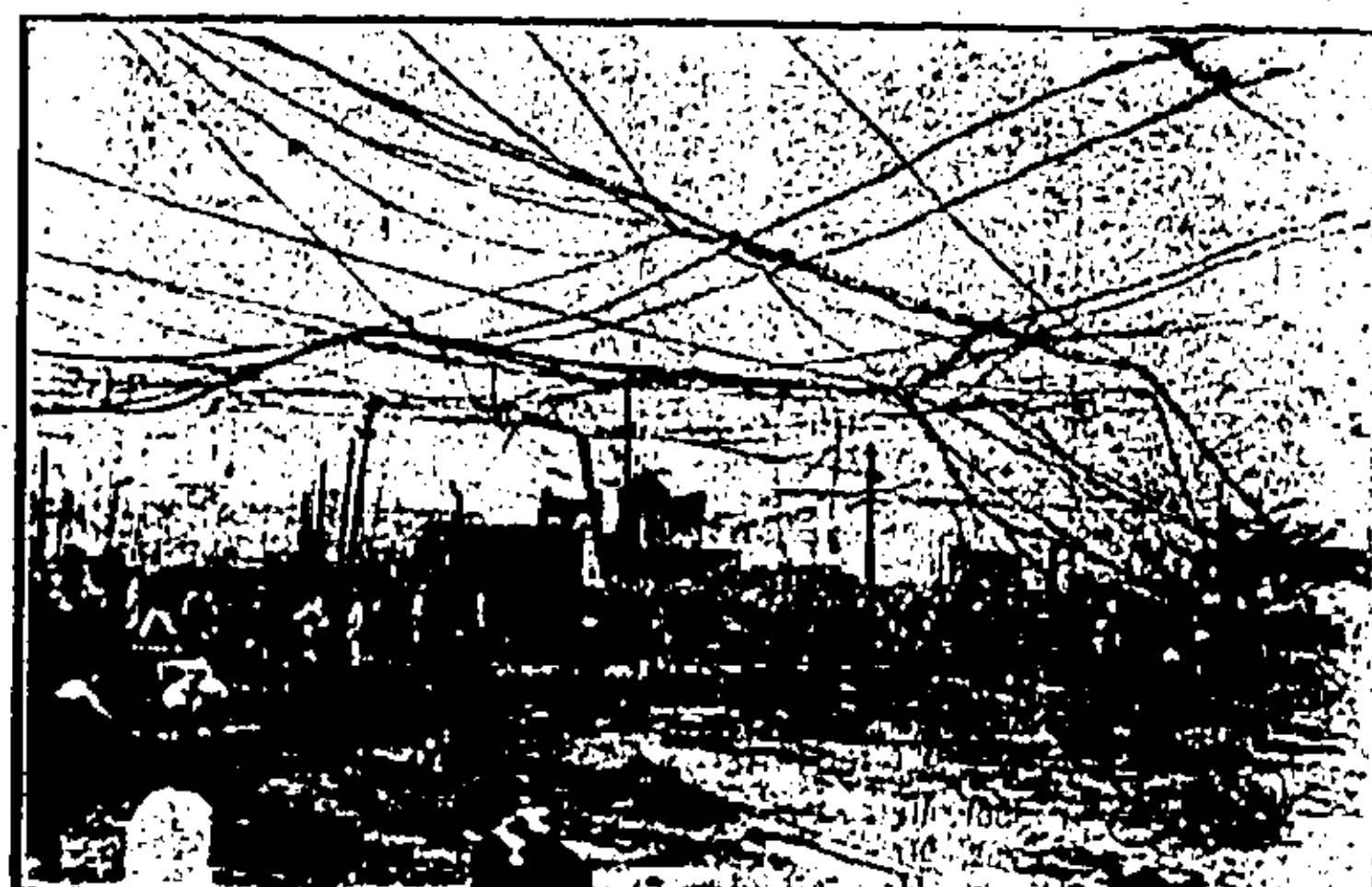
Havoc wrought by the earthquake. Note the gaping holes in the roadway.



Flames doing their terrible work. This splendid building was irretrievably ruined.



Roof of a building which collapsed after the first shock.



Terrible havoc in the heart of the city after the fires had done their worst.



Even the light built native houses suffered severely.



Building completely demolished. The one still standing has been gutted by fire.



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PROGRAMME FEATURES.

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Coronet.—Douglas Fairbanks in "Robin Hood."
Welt.—"The Blue Lagoon."
Star, Koyloun.—2.30 Buffalo Bill: 5.30 and 9.15 p.m. Don Quickshot of Rio Grande with Jack Hoxie.

"ALICE ADAMS."

With Florence Vidor in "Alice Adams," a splendid cast will be seen in support of the beautiful and charming Associated Exhibitors star, Miss Vidor, of course, plays the name role—that of a girl whose sensitive spirit suffers from the smirks of her friends whose fathers have been more successful financially than hers.

Next to Alice Adams, the most important character in the story is that of her father, Virgil Adams, and for this role there could have been no better selection than Claude Gillingwater. Others in the Adams household are Margaret McWade as the nagging, whining mother and Harold Goodwin as the swaggering, sporty brother.

Vernon Steel was chosen to supply the romantic interest in the role of Arthur Russell, who was Alice Adams' idea of the "perfect fiancé." J. A. Lamb, Virgil's employer and a particular in the flesh of Mrs. Adams, was entrusted to Thomas Ricketts. Smaller but important parts are enacted by Gertrude Astor, Margaret Landis, Taylor Graves, Jay Hunt and others.

Rowland V. Lee directed "Alice Adams" and also adapted it to the screen, and in both capacities it is said that he has adhered strictly to the word and spirit of Booth Tarkington's novel, which won the Pulitzer prize for being the best novel published in 1922.

"Alice Adams" is an Encore picture, distributed by Pathé.

"FIRES OF FATE."

The Gaumont Company, Ltd., made no mistake in emphasising in their preliminary advertisements the wonderful Egyptian settings of "Fires of Fate." One wonders if California will give to produce any more desert pictures after this one has been seen. Not all the money in the world could build "sets" to look like the real Cairo, the ruined temples of ancient Egypt, or find American "locations" with the picturesque vistas and drifting sands of the Nile and the Libyan desert. The money spent on "Fires of Fate" in Egypt was money well spent. It has destroyed the "one palm tree in a pot" production for ever.

So much for the beauties of "Fires of Fate." After the London trade show the general opinion was that it would prove a very popular subject, and as much of its popularity would be due to its stirring climax as to its picturesque backgrounds. There is a very brisk demand for it.

"HUTCH STIRS 'EM UP."

Hurricane Hutch, "the dare-devil of the films," as he is called, recently came to England to take part in a new film by Ideal Films, Ltd. The picture is now completed under the title of "Hutch Stirs 'Em Up." It is a more than usually apt name, for the role of the artist is that of a cow-boy who descends upon a sleepy English village and proceeds to stir up not only the villagers but the squire, who treats them more or less as slaves, and half believes himself back in the sixteenth century.

The story is, in fact, based upon Harry Harting's novel, "The Hawk of Redde," but the collision between the twentieth-century cowboy and the sixteenth-century squire not only provides exciting and amusing incidents, but offers innumerable opportunities to Hutch for his daring athletic feats.

The film was mainly taken in the West Country, and is full of beautiful exteriors. Besides Hutch himself, the cast includes such well-known players as Gibson Gowland, Joan Barry, and Aubrey Fitzgerald.

FILM TOPICS.

FRANK LLOYD PRODUCTIONS.

As a result of a contract just signed with Frank Lloyd, First National is able to announce that four of his productions will be added to its roster for the new year.

In making the announcement, Managing Director, Ralph J. Pugh points, with justifiable satisfaction, to the five pictures which Frank Lloyd has already made for the industry. "The Eternal Flame," "The Voice from the Minaret," already seen here, and "Within the Law," shortly to come, all owe a large part of their success to Mr. Lloyd, whose intelligent direction and assiduous attention to detail, combined with Norma Talmadge's own innate ability, mixed them to a high plane.

After completing "Within the Law," Mr. Lloyd was selected by Joseph M. Schenck to direct "Ashes of Vengeance." Since the total cost of this production will amount far higher than any previous Schenck picture, the selection of Mr. Lloyd must be taken as a high compliment to his ability. Mr. Lloyd is an Englishman by birth. After a brief career in British theatres and music halls he made his way to America.

SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE.

A forthcoming Universal Jewel production, entitled "The Shock," is claimed by Europeans to possess features of unusual interest. It is fairly obvious that any picture starring Lon Chaney, is bound to present unusual angles, but the piece de resistance of "The Shock" is, it is said, a remarkable duplication of the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, upon which the theme of the film is built. Falling houses, yawning chasms in streets, flying debris, sudden outbreaks of fire, a panic-stricken population, all are said to be depicted with a realism that brings home to every imagination the impotence of man in the face of Nature's outbreaks.

Lon Chaney takes the rôle of a cripple imprisoned by crooks in a Chinese den in "Peking," and his acting leading up to the dénouement is said to be absolutely wonderful. Virginia Valli and Christine Mayo, as a female crook and vampire, support Chaney.

ELINOR GLYN'S NEW PRODUCTION.

(By the Film Critic.)

Many novelists—H. G. Wells and Gilbert Frankau among them—have complained, with reason, that when their books are filmed the producer ignores the author entirely. Their work is mutilated, their English is murdered in the "sub-titles," their suggestions are ignored. The author, in fact, is regarded as the last person who has any right to "interfere."

But no such unhappy lot has befallen Elinor Glyn in the case of her novel "Beyond the Rocks," which is Paramount's latest picture. Elinor Glyn made a rush trip from the Continent so that she could be present at the filming of her story. She advised—and her advice was taken. She rearranged details, "put things straight"—all to the benefit of the production.

Gloria Swanson and Rodolf Valentino are the principals in the east of "Beyond the Rocks," which is a romance with the Alps, the gardens of Versailles, and Paris and London as the background.

A combination of Anatole France and Pott Ridge suggests the meeting of extremes. Yet the English master of Cockney humour has been called upon to write the "sub-titles" of Granger's screen version of the Frenchman's story "Carnegieville," which is screened in to be called "Ole Bill of Paris"—hardly the happiest of titles, since the picture has nothing to do with the war. It is a character study of an old costermonger who had pulled his barrow round Paris streets for fifty years.

"Prison" (through no fault of his own), want, drink, despair, and eventually play their part in his story—Maurice de Perard acts the name part.

WIRELESS PHOTOGRAPHY.

The fact that inventors have been endeavouring to transmit photographs by wire has been made the foundation of a film entitled "The Miracle of Tomorrow." A British company have now completed the picture in Germany. Its aim is to show the enormous power could be for good or for evil, and how in the hands of unscrupulous people it might become a terror in our everyday life.

Death-dealing electrical discharges through an electric automation directed from a distance play a part in the plot of what might be described as a scientific melodrama.

100. BRITISH FILMS.

The British National Film League is organising a series of British Film Weeks throughout the British Isles during which more than 100 new films made by Britons in Britain will be shown.

The Prince of Wales has consented to attend a send-off function in November in connection with the campaign.

Mr. H. R. Walker, general secretary of the league, stated that at present 85 per cent. of the films shown in the country are American and only 19 per cent. British. In the Dominions the American percentage rises to 95 and the British falls to 2 or 3. Less than 1 per cent. of British films are shown in the United States.

"There is no reason," he added, "why great spectacular pictures should not be made in England. There are historical episodes which lend themselves to the production of pictures of this kind, and as we shall make them in Britain they will have the true atmosphere."

WHEN CROMWELL RULED.

Ruthless Ellis's novel, "Barbara Winslow, Rebel," a comedy drama of Revolutionary England of the seventeenth century, is being pictorialised by Joseph M. Schenck under the title of "The Dangerous Maid," with Constance Talmadge as the star.

Conway Tearle, rated as the highest salaried leading man in the films, will enact the part of Captain Prothero. This rôle has been written with a special view to that actor's courtly romanticism, emotional mobility, and skilful swordsmanship. Mr. Tearle has just completed an excellent piece of work in Norma Talmadge's forthcoming First National feature release, "Ashes of Vengeance," a spectacle of old France. He most recently appeared with Pola Negri in "Bella Donna," in which piece he heads the supporting cast.

Two Gaumont film adaptations from well-known novels are shortly to be released—"The Man From Blankley," by F. Anstey, and "The Man of Marston," by W. J. Locke. Both proved successful when performed as stage plays. But the screen version of F. Anstey's work, which was a social satire, depending for success upon its words, not upon its action, is not in the least like the original.

A NEW TRAVEL FILM.

What a wide scope Africa offers to the cinematographer is demonstrated by the latest filmed record of a European exploring expedition which has just started on a four weeks' run at the Philharmonic Hall. In spite of the many travel films through almost the same regions which we have seen lately, "The Cradle of the World," as it is called, has many distinctive qualities all its own. It introduces us to the same actors, but we see them in each case from an original angle, as it were. The cautious posture assumed by oryx drinking from the bank of the crocodile-infested lake is, for instance, as suggestive a picture as the screen has ever shown us of wild life and the struggle for existence. Every muscle of the graceful creature is taut, in readiness for a backward leap at the first appearance of the deadly snapping jaws. Another equally suggestive picture shows herds of animals stampeding from the foe they dread more than all, the lion. A picture that will not readily be forgotten is one in which literally scores of vultures and other birds of prey are seen fighting over the carcass of a dead zebra, of which nothing but the bare bones remain after a few minutes. In the records of native customs and dances the cinematographer has been no less happy. There is one of a primitive open-air court of justice, in which counsel for the defendant and plaintiff, notwithstanding the fact that they are unlearned and are squatting on the ground, perform their allotted parts with dignity and gravity that some of their European confreres might envy. There are several very suggestive pictures of hot springs bursting forth from the rocks at a temperature of 206 deg. Fahr. Prince William of Sweden, who accompanied the expedition, and was able to procure something like 25,000 specimens of the fauna of the country for the Stockholm Museum, is shown taking active part in many of the most dangerous hunts. A short playlet performed by half a dozen African natives adds very considerably to the interest of an excellent entertainment.

While the film is being shown a running commentary on anything salient is given by Mr. John Gosling, C.B.E., who has passed a quarter of a century in Eastern tropical Africa, and has done not a little to lay the foundations of British power in what is probably destined to become before long one of the brightest jewels in the Imperial crown. As Mr. Gosling, whose latest official post was that of Treasurer of Kenya, insists, the cinema has made its appearance just at the critical moment so far as Africa is concerned, in order to give the world a permanent record of the infancy of races which in a century or so will probably have changed out of all recognition. What would not give to have such a record of the primitive inhabitants of ancient Britain!

SAMSON.

"Samson and Delilah," presumably a foreign production, shown privately at the Scala Theatre, amply justifies its ambitious title, in so far as ambitious aims are concerned, but it completely falls short of its mark. Conceived on original lines it is a medley of scenes which plunge the spectator breathlessly from modern life into legendary surroundings and vice-versa. Scope is thus afforded for a certain amount of spectacular staging, and full and effective advantage is taken of this. But somehow, after two hours of those visual gymnastics and especially after the ludicrously flat anti-climax of the end, the mind provides quite another title for this complicated performance—"Much Ado About Nothing." The play is coherent enough, but the subject is too far-fetched, and might easily unintentionally degenerate into a farce. The reason for giving a special mention to this production is that, as it stands, it is an excellent object-lesson for writers and film-producers—it so succinctly demonstrates what to avoid for fear of a fiasco.

FILM ARTISTS' FACES.

The film artists of the United States are flocking to "facial sculptors" for the purpose of having their countenances changed to suit their parts.

At Chicago, in the presence of a number of newspaper writers, Mr. Ben Bard, a well-known screen actor, had his nose "taken up" by a surgeon.

The operation lasted 45 minutes, after which Mr. Bard returned to the studio with the straight nose required by his new part. The doctor has arranged to perform a similar operation on Miss Fanny Bryce, one of America's most popular actresses, who says she has expended her present nose and mouth for all they are worth and wants new ones for the comedy parts that she intends playing.

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HONGKONG UNIVERSITY ENGINEERS.

VIEWS OF SIR WILLIAM BRUNYATE.

NO CAUSE FOR DISSATISFACTION.

GRADUATES MAKING FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION.

In view of the obvious need that will arise in China for trained engineers of her own people to develop railways and mines when order is once restored, and thus add enormously to the well-being and prosperity of her teeming millions, a "China Mail" representative sought the views of Sir William Brunyate, K.C.M.G., Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University, as to whether there was any justification for the belief that the engineering course was not proving as successful as anticipated.

The interview followed the line of question and answer as set forth below, from which it will be seen that there is little real cause for dissatisfaction.

To commence with, the *China Mail* representative informed Sir William that there was a firm belief in certain quarters that owing to the chaos in China, engineer graduates from the University were finding it increasingly difficult to obtain positions in the Chinese Government Service. Sir William had a number of cases, after graduation, they found it impossible to obtain any engineering appointment and, in consequence, they became merchants, assistants in mercantile offices, or teachers. It had been suggested that the Hongkong Government was under a moral obligation to find employment for these graduates in the Public Works Department. In connection with the foregoing, the following dialogue took place:

Q. Would the fact that a man had graduated as an engineer benefit him in his career as a teacher?

A. A B.S. in engineering is very useful if you have a subject. I should, of course, prefer that the graduate had also been trained as a teacher.

Q. Bearing in mind the fact that the Public Works Department, under present conditions, could not absorb more than 20 engineering students per annum and does not favour the employment of men without practical experience, do you consider there is any real opening for engineer graduates in the P.W.D.?

A. It is entirely for the Government to decide how their own staff shall be recruited, but I cannot, as I do, hold out our engineering graduates as qualified for employment under provincial governments in China, and at the same time admit that they are unsuitable for employment under the Hongkong Government. I should like to see the whole question examined of the career that can be offered them and it would then be for those who advise them to say whether it was worth accepting.

I am of course familiar with the view that the men with practical experience is superior to the man with a thorough professional training. It largely means that the boy who, on leaving school, accepts a subordinate post at \$40.00 a month, is four years later better acquainted with office routine than the boy who has devoted those four years to a University education. The question is one which I was very familiar in Egypt. One of our greatest difficulties in connection with our clerical establishments, was to convince heads of offices that, if they were to look to the future of their department, the men who had had a sound education but who, at the outset, found office conditions unfamiliar, was superior to the man of inferior education who had learned all the tricks of the office.

A very similar question arose as to British engineers in the irrigation department. For a long time we relied on Cooper's Hill men, with an admixture of engineers who had learned their business as apprentices. When Cooper's Hill was closed, we began with much hesitation, to recruit young engineering graduates from Cambridge, who had taken much the same course as the Hongkong course, but a less extensive one. These Cambridge recruits were most successful, owing to their wider outlook. There has never been any question of going back on the system.

With regard to the difficulties of our engineers finding employment, I do not think the case is as bad as made out. Having regard to the general slackness in the engineering trade, I am by no means dissatisfied. Most of our engineers, recently graduated, have had employment awaiting them, though it may not have been, in all cases, exactly what I could

have wished. I attach more importance to the numbers entering the employment of leading engineering firms, than to the provision of an artificial opening in government service. There are bound to be a certain number who are not professionally successful, although they have obtained their degree.

Popularity Waning?

Q. Is it a fact that, from being the most popular of the Faculties of the University, the Engineering Course has already dropped to third place? If so, how do you account for it?

A. It was originally the most numerous.

Quite apart from the disturbances in China, engineering in the Far East was completely tied up by the war. That produced a fall in entries from which we have not entirely recovered. In comparing the Engineering Faculty with the Arts Faculty, however, one must bear in mind the large number of "education students" sent us by the Hongkong and other governments.

Other Questions.

The foregoing conversation having ended, Mr. Isaac Macrosson, a former student of the University, asked the Vice-Chancellor whether he considers the University was justifying itself.

Sir William replied in the affirmative and added: "Our graduates have been making a most favourable impression wherever they have gone. The first graduates only 'went down' in 1916, so that we have had very little time to prove ourselves. You can scarcely expect a youngster, who has just graduated, to make a great splash."

"Desirable Not Essential"
In conclusion, Sir William was asked for his views on the following, except from our London correspondent's letter, published in the *China Mail* on September 14:—

THE UNIVERSITY.

I noticed the other day an advertisement for a post as lecturer in the Hongkong University, which stated that "Previous teaching experience is desirable but not essential."

Now in educational circles it is, I believe, generally regarded as indisputable that a teacher or lecturer is of very little value until he (or she) has had experience. In Scotland where every teacher must be qualified, the full certificate is not granted until the teacher has actually been teaching for two years. It is well known that the teacher's experience is usually bought at the expense of his pupils and it may quite reasonably be postulated that during the first two years he is not earning his salary.

Moreover, were the best teacher in Europe suddenly transferred to Hongkong he must spend at least another year acquiring the necessary experience of altered conditions before he becomes efficient. In all then at least three years are necessary before the teacher finds his feet. This period of contract in the advertisement was three years and it occurred to me that if the authorities selected a man without experience and he stayed only one term then there is bad business somewhere.

Beyond all argument, for the post offered, experience counts above everything. Of course if the work in the class-room is regarded as subsidiary to sport on the cricket field or tennis court then the above remark must be cancelled.

Sir William, after acknowledging that the views expressed were perfectly fair comment, said: "While I attach great importance to experience, I may prefer just the right cut of our engineers finding employment. I do not think the case is as bad as made out. Having regard to the general slackness in the engineering trade, I am by no means dissatisfied. Most of our engineers, recently graduated, have had employment awaiting them, though it may not have been, in all cases, exactly what I could

"In the present case, the whole question was whether, with the salary offered, the good men with experience might prefer to stay where they were. As a matter of fact, however, an excellent man it may not have been, in all cases, exactly what I could

SECÇÃO PORTUGUESA.

O ENSINO DE PORTUGUÊS.

O ensino de português vai, muito em breve, ser ministrado ás nossas meninas na Belilios School, devido á acertada resolução, tomada na última sessão da Educational Board onde, com tanto acerto, o nosso representante, o sr. Silva Neto o defendeu.

Esta iniciativa é digna de todo o elogio e louvor e é bom frisar aqui que foi tomada esta medida, a título de experiência, para depois dum ano, se bom resultado obtiverem as alunas, passar o ensino a ser permanente naquela Escola. Serão umas dez as matriculadas para a classe de português. Também, pois, nos pais destas crianças o sagrado dever de incutir nelas todo o amor e dedicação ao estudo do nosso rio idioma, e se o discutirem, grande é a responsabilidade que sobre eles recai porque assim é o mesmo que ocasionar a eliminação desta classe. Essa responsabilidade é muito maior se considerarmos que a classe de Português ficará de uma vez para sempre terminada na referida Escola.

A professor que será nomeada não usamos advertir sobre o que acabamos de dizer porque conhecemos a sua competência.

O estudo de português em Hongkong tem sido muito descuidado e não tem merecido a atenção e carinho que um tão importante problema carece.

Dêe adven innumeras vantagens que seria oroso enumerar-las. E um brado patriótico que, nuaa linguagem descolorida mas sincera, o modesto expatriado, autor desta Secção, faz hoje aos pais portugueses, espalhados nesta hospitaleira colonia, pedindo-lhes, para bem firmar a nossa nacionalidade, que cada um de nós seja um propagandista da Escola Portuguesa.

Preguemos como é que o poderemos? Responderemos que, a começar em casa, devemos falar com os nossos filhos em português e dizer-lhes que em qualquer lugar onde portugueses estiverem, devem falar sempre e sempre, na nossa rica lingua e, muito em especial obrigados a frequentarem a Escola Portuguesa. Não devemos apenas limitarmos a manda-los para a Escola, mas também devemos obrigá-los a dedicarem-se ao estudo com todo o carinho e boa vontade.

Aos professores cabe a tarefa patriótica de ensinar a grande e heróica historia de Portugal, ensinar que somos oriundos dessa terra onde um punhado de aventureiros heróicos alcançaram, com o seu sangue e bravura, mais um padrao de gloria para a sua nacionalidade.

Está sobre a nossa mesa de trabalho o fascículo que nos foi gentilmente oferecido, dos discursos do Senador Francisco Anacleto da Silva e das apreciações dos formos, coligidos por um grupo de Eleitores.

E' um folheto que vem honrar a nossa biblioteca. Como macanenses e patriotas que somos e nos prezamos de ser, não podemos deixar de aplaudir a tão acertada ideia dum grupo de Eleitores em pôr os nossos compatriotas ao corrente da grande esfera de acção parlamentar do illustre Macanense.

Francisco da Silva é o exemplo de quanto pôde a foga de vontade. E' um homem que por si se elevou á altura do prestígio de que goza. Superintendente Intelligente, orador de invulgar merecimento, esta figura macanense de grande relevo, alia a estas qualidades a lhaneza do trato.

Não é nosso intento traçar aqui a biografia de Sua Exa. e nem para isso somos competentes.

O nosso distincto conterraneo vem a caminho para a sua terra natal, como lhe faculta uma lei que, em uma das anteriores legislaturas, pelo Senado foi votada, afim de passar as ferias parlamentares e elucidar-se melhor das necessidades actuais do circulo que tão brilhante e dignamente representa.

Esperamos que na sua estada aqui poderemos estreitar a nossa mão de encontro á sua e dar-lhe os parabens. Nessas parabens significaremos todo o nosso apreço e reconhecimento pelos seus inconfundiveis trabalhos em prol de Macau.

Macanenses, orgulhem-se de possuir no nosso seio uma tão prestígioza figura que a Mac-Patria soube em devidos termos apreciar.

Deve estar aqui em Hongkong, depois de amanhã de passagem, o nosso lustre amigo o sr. Carlos Cabral, Empregado Superior das Alfandegas Chinesas. Este prestimoso Macanense esteve em Portugal em gozo de licença graciosa. Dotado de invulgar dotes de trabalho e patriotismo fervoroso, foi-lhe concedida como honra merecida a comenda da Ordem de Cristo.

Extremamente modesto e pessoa sem ostentação quando o felicitamos na occasião em que lhe foi conferida esta condecoração, este nosso Exmo. amigo respondeu-nos: "Não vou requerer a medalha de comenda; guardo-a no meu coração como consolo de ter sido útil á minha patria e aos meus patricios."

Bem hajam macanenses que assim sabem dar lustre á terra que lhes serviu de berço.

Com uma casa á cumha realison-se no sabado findo, a annunciada recita de amadores em beneficio das victimas da recente catastrophe no Japão, levando á scena duas "farças" "Lucas que chora" e "Resonar sem dormir" e mais um drama intitulado "A desgraça dum familia", de que é autor o falecido e erudito Pe. Nunes (Jesusita). Fazia parte do grupo de amadores a sra. Da Corina d'Almeida, havendo-se todos muito bem no desempenho dos seus papeis. É digno de menção o nome do sr. Carlos d'Almeida que em traucta feminina desempenhou com muita perfeição e agrado o seu papel. Congratulamo-nos com os amadores e a Direcção do Club de Recreio pelo ottimo resultado obtido e pela forma bizarra como tudo correu.

Para conhecimento dos nossos prezados leitores, comunicamos que, a partir do próximo mês de Outubro, esta Secção será publicada á quintas e não aos sabados.

SOCCER.

GARRISON LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE.

The Garrison Football Competition opened at Sackunpoo on Saturday last. Ten teams have entered, six companies from the King's Regt., three companies R.G.A. and one company R.A.M.C.

88 Company R.G.A. commenced their programme by playing A. Co. of the King's. A fast game resulted in a win for the Infantrymen by three goals to one. The other match on the 15th was between C. and D. Cos. of the King's. Both played excellent football and but for a slip on the part of D. Co.'s goalkeeper the game would probably have resulted in a draw. Result C-2, D-1.

On Monday the B. Co., who won the championship last year, entertained 94 Co. R.G.A. and won by 3-1. King's H.Q.A. defeated 27 Co. R.A.M.C. the same afternoon by 6-0. This was the first appearance of the R.A.M.C. as a separate team.

On Wednesday, C. Co., King's obtained maximum points from 83 Co. R.G.A. after a fast, exciting game by three goals to nil. All the goals in this game were obtained in the first half: The Gunners more than held their own in the second half and should have reduced the lead.

A very strong side from the King's H.Q.B. proved much too good for 88 Co. R.G.A., who lost by 6-0. This team of the King's includes no less than seven regimental players and it should be in the running for Championship honours. A. Co. King's defeated 94 Co. R.G.A. by 4-0 after a hard fought game and D. Co. King's got the better of B. Co. by 3-1.

The week's results are as follows: A. Co. King's... 3 88 Co. R.G.A.... 1 C. Co. King's... 2 D. Co. King's... 1 B. Co. King's... 3 94 Co. R.G.A.... 1 King's H.Q.A... 6 27 Co. R.A.M.C. 0 King's H.Q.B... 6 88 Co. R.G.A.... 0 C. Co. King's... 3 83 Co. R.G.A.... 0 A. Co. King's... 4 94 Co. R.G.A.... 0 D. Co. King's... 3 B. Co. King's... 1 It should be noted that the matches for next week are timed to kick-off at 5 p.m. except when 94 Co. R.G.A. are playing, in which case the matches commence at 4.15 p.m.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Sept. 28—U.S.S.B. Wawawona.

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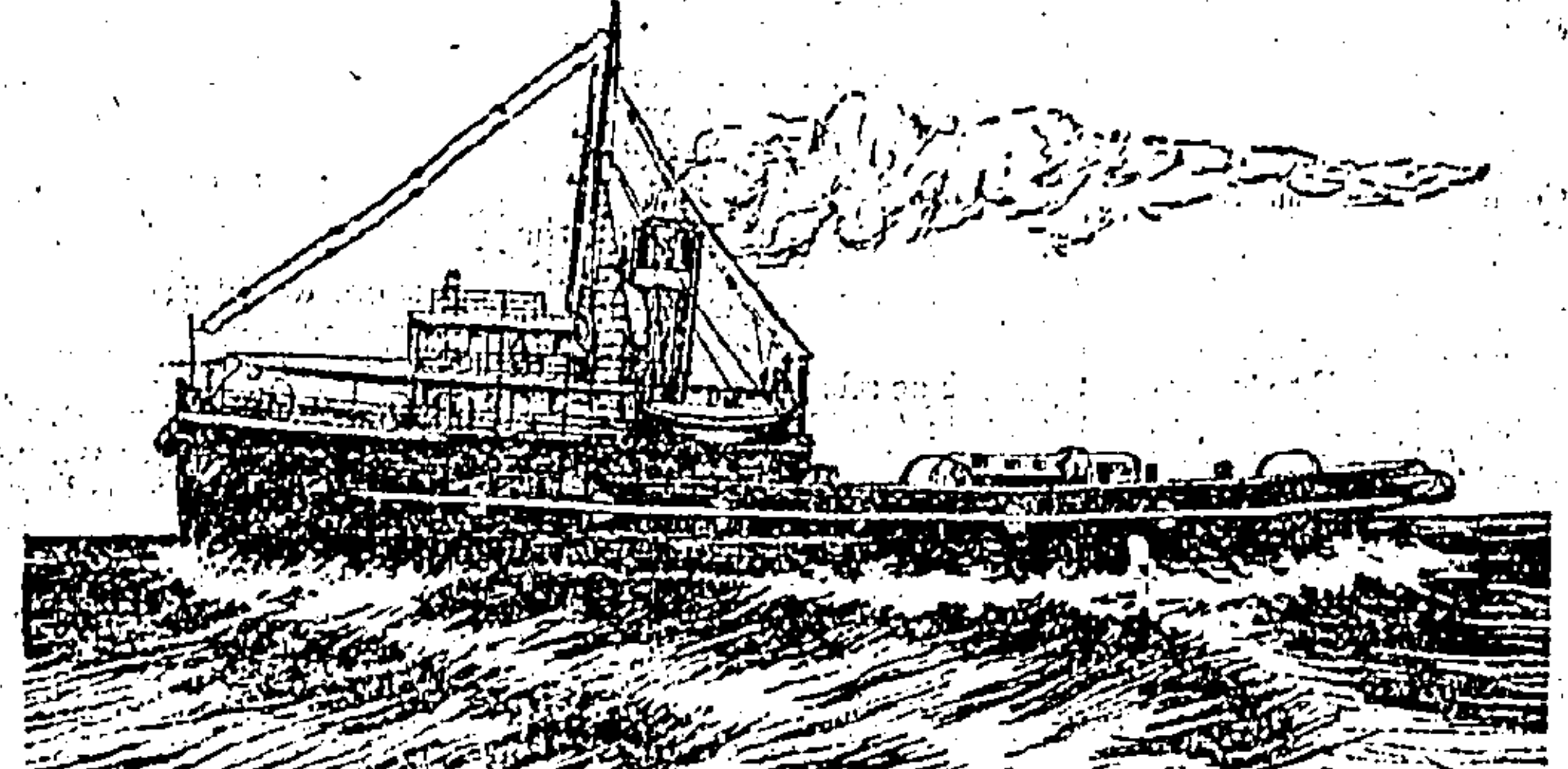
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"KARMAIA"	9,098	19th Oct.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"CALDONIA"	7,322	26th Oct.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"NELORE"	6,853	3rd Nov.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"SICILIA"	6,813	10th Nov.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"MALWA"	10,341	17th Nov.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"KALVA"	7,023	24th Nov.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"KALVA"	7,023	30th Nov.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"SOUFAN"	6,096	15th Dec.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"DEVANTA"	6,092	14th Dec.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	11,430	21st Dec.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KHIVA"	8,097	11th Jan.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
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"KARMAIA"	9,098	9th Feb.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"NA'DERA"	15,973	16th Feb.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"DELTA"	8,097	23rd Feb.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"CHINA"	7,931	30th Feb.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"KALVA"	7,023	7th Mar.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	14th Mar.	Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, & Aomori.

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"TANJA"	6,956	23rd Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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"NELLORE"	6,853	23rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"GRACIOUS"	3,760	30th Sept.	Shanghai.
"SOUFAN"	6,096	6th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,341	13th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.				Poultry.			
	September 20, 1923.	June 1918.	June 1914.		September 20, 1923.	June 1918.	June 1914.
Beef, Brisket, -Mol Long Pa ... lb.	30	24	18	Chicken, -Kai ... lb.	60	50	40
"Prime Cut ... lb.	30	24	18	Capons, Small, -Sin Kai ... lb.	55	45	35
"Corned, -Ham Ngau Yuk ... lb.	36	23	20	Capons, Large, -Sin Kai ... lb.	60	50	40
"Roast, -Shin ... lb.	30	24	18	Duck, -AP ... lb.	40	30	20
"Breast, -Ngau Nam ... lb.	24	20	18	Doves, -Pao Han ... lb.	30	20	15
"Soup, -Tong Yuk ... lb.	26	20	15	Eggs, Hen, -Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	18	15	10
"Steak, -Ngau Yuk Pa ... lb.	30	24	18	Eggs, Hen, -Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	18	15	10
"Steak Brisket, -Ngau Lan ... lb.	36	20	15	Fowls, Canton, -Kai ... lb.	45	35	25
"Sausages, -Ngau Cheong ... lb.	20	18	15	Fowls, Hainan, -Hol Nam Kai ... lb.	45	35	25
Salmon's Steaks, -Ngau No per lb.	12	10	8	Geese, -Nga ... lb.	50	40	30
Tongue, fresh, -Ngau Lach ... lb.	50	40	30	Pigeons, Canton, -Pao Kap, each	35	25	20
Tongue, corned, -Ham Ngau Kai	60	50	40	"Hobow, -Hol Nam Kai Kap	55	45	35
Head, -Ngau Tai ... lb.	1.00	1.00	1.00	Turkeys, Cook, -Fo Kai Kung lb.	55	50	45
Heart, -Ngau Tai ... lb.	1.10	1.10	1.10	Turkeys, Hen, -Fo Kai Na ... lb.	50	45	40
Tripe, -Ngau Tai ... lb.	2.00	2.00	2.00	Salpae, -Sha Tai ... lb.	25	20	15
Tripe, -Ngau Tai ... lb.	2.00	2.00	2.00	Phossant, -Shan Kai ... lb.	25	20	15
Tripe, -Ngau Tai ... lb.	2.00	2.00	2.00	Quail, -Om Chm ... lb.	25	20	15
Tripe, -Ngau Tai ... lb.	2.00	2.00	2.00	Partridges, -Oho Ku ... lb.	25	20	15
Tripe, -Ngau Tai ... lb.	2.00	2.00	2.00				

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MARKED SWINGING ALSO EXPERIENCED.
From the Japan Chronicle of Sunday, September 2, we take the following which, in a way, explains how the news got abroad that Kobe had suffered equally with Yokohama and Tokyo in the earthquake of September 1.
Kobe, September 2:—Just about noon yesterday there was a very perceptible and prolonged rocking of the kind that always betokens seismic disturbance. There was little of the sharp cracking of strained window-frames that is generally noticed, but quite a marked swinging of suspended lamps.
The Mainichi states that the centre of disturbance was 240 miles north-east of Osaka. At Numazu the shocks are reported to have lasted seven minutes. At Suzukawa on the Tokaido there was a big landslide, whether caused by the earthquake or not is not stated, but apparently happening at that moment. The railway track was damaged, and all telephonic communications were stopped.
(Incidentally this prevents us from giving in this issue many of the telegrams that we should ordinarily have received.)
The railway track at Suzukawa is reported to be five inches out of alignment. It is mentioned that many windows in the vicinity were broken but it is only vaguely mentioned that much damage is believed to have been caused. Nothing is mentioned about houses being damaged or casualties suffered.
The centre of disturbance is supposed to be the Izu peninsula, and it is reported that the chief effects were felt at Numazu, Yokosuka, Yokohama, and Tokyo, though how the information got through is not explained. It was three-quarters of a second before noon that the seismographs in Kobe and Osaka began to register the shock and they did not stop till 1.30.
The earthquake, which seems to have been severest at Suzukawa, was felt twice during five minutes on Saturday (1st instant) the first being at 11.58. After a lapse of 20 minutes two more shocks were felt, and at 1 p.m. there were two rattling vibrations. Owing to serious damage on the railway line a 1st and 2nd class express train is at a standstill at Numazu. For about two chains between Kambara and Iwabuchi stations the earth sank considerably.
Another report has it that the centre of the earthquake is at Okishima-mura at the foot of Mount Fuji. Yet another says that the centre is in Mount Fuji, and that an eruption of Mount Fuji caused the earthquake.
Simultaneously with the earthquake tidal waves over 9 feet in height visited three times Mito-matsubara, a picturesque pine beach.
In Suruga Bay the water rose 4 or 5 feet, causing high waves, and washing ashore fishing boats and even larger ships.
PIER AT YOKOHAMA.
The radio station at Shinomizaki Point, Kishu, received a wireless message from a steamer in Yokohama harbour at 1 p.m., stating that a conflagration is raging in the City of Yokohama. It is supposed that the fire was caused by the earthquake.

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TUNGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	YATSHING	Mon, 24th Sept., 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	TUNGSHING	Wed, 26th Sept., Noon.
Kobe	HOSANG	Fri, 28th Sept., Noon.
SANDAKAN	HAUSANG	Fri, 28th Sept., Noon.
TRISTIN	OHONGSHING	Fri, 28th Sept., Noon.
MARLA	MINGSANG	Fri, 28th Sept., Noon.
TUNGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	YATSHING	Wed, 3rd Oct., 10 a.m.
BAKOK via Hainan	OHUNGANG	Sat, 4th Oct., 4 light.
HARTONO via Batow	YOSANO	Fri, 5th Oct., 8 a.m.
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TAMBA MARU ... Saturday, 29th September.
COLUMBIA via Singapore, Penang & Hongkong.
OYLOU MARU ... Wednesday, 26th September.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU ... Thursday, 11th Oct., at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
HARIMA MARU ... Sunday, 23rd September at 5 p.m.
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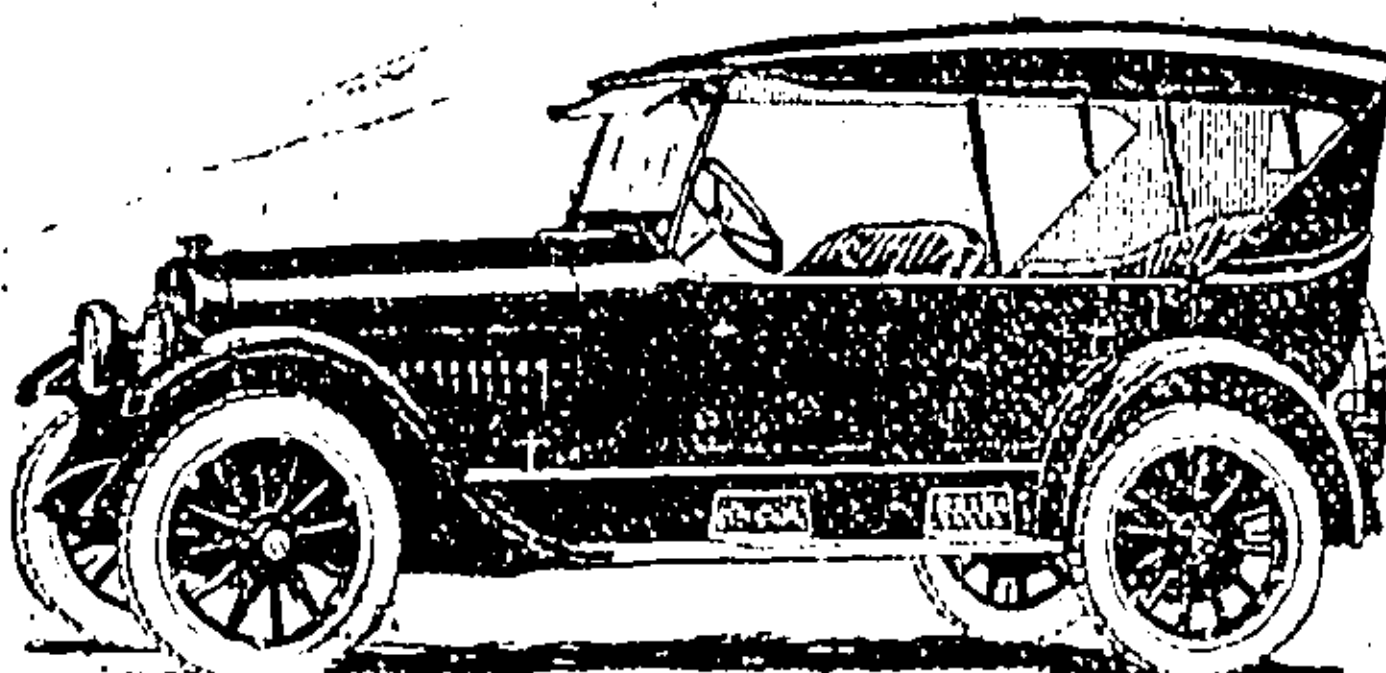
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CROMWELL UNLIKELY TO
BE AMONG THEM.

Seven skulls and many bones
were dug up by workmen at the
junction of Marble Arch and
Edgware-road, near which at one
time the Tyburn gallows stood.

A Daily Mail reader writes that
suggestion that Cromwell's skull
may be among those found is silly.
"The slender thread on which
the story is hung," he writes, "is
that Cromwell's body was dis-
interred from his grave in West-
minster Abbey after the Restoration
and hung on the gallows at Tyburn.
The head was then set up on a pole
at the top of Westminister Hall
and the trunk buried under the gallows."

"Actually the name Tyburn was
given indiscriminately to the spot
where the gallows was set up. It
is an undoubted fact that the
gallows was shifted from place to
place."

"Only a few years before the
exhumation and gibbeting of
Cromwell, the gallows was at the
Holborn end of Fetterlane, near
Red Lion-square, and Tyburn
might have been still there in 1661,
when Cromwell's body was so
basely treated."

"The bodies of Cromwell and
Ireton were brought in carts, on
the night previous to their exposure
on the gibbet, to the Red Lion Inn,
Holborn. There could have been
no reason for this had Tyburn been
moved by that time to the neigh-
bourhood of Marble Arch."

"Lastly, it is not certain that it
really was Cromwell's body on
which the restored Monarchy
weakened its spite."

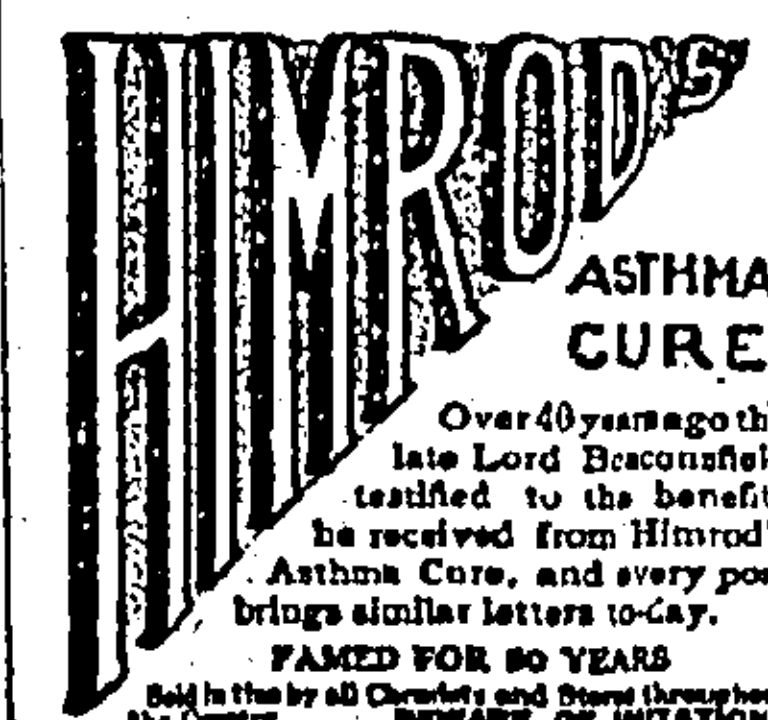
What is believed to have been an
attempt to wreck trains on the
Chatham and Dover Railway at
Allington, about a mile and a half
from Maidstone, has been reported
to the police. "Iron chairs" weighing
between 30lb. and 40lb. had been
placed on both the up and down
tracks and one of these was
out in two by a fast train. Another
was noticed by the driver of a
slower train, which was brought to
a standstill within a few yards of
the obstruction. The boat train
passed the spot not long after the
discovery was made.

COMMERCIAL.

MERCURY MINE IN KWEL-
CHOW.

The mercury mine of Dong-tan-
hsien, Kwel-chow, says the Chinese
Government Bureau of Economic
Information, has been in operation
many years. If what the natives
say is dependable, their ancestors
were engaged in mercury mining in
the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644).
"The veins are found in the lime-
stone strata and in isolated patches
or pockets. The methods used in
opening the mine and in smelting
the mineral are very poor and crude.
In opening a mine, holes are drilled
to a certain depth, and into them
2 lb. or 3 lb. of gunpowder are
introduced. The result of the
explosion after the ignition of the
gunpowder is 200 lb. to 300 lb. of
mercury ore. After breaking up
the rocks into small particles, these
are put into the native furnace for
smelting. The furnace consists of
three boilers and one earthenware
basin. Over the brick foundation of
the furnace the first boiler is placed
and the second boiler upside down
on the first, a 12-in. hole being
made in its centre. The second
boiler is covered with mud held in
place by a bamboo network and
upon this the third boiler, also with
a hole in the centre, is placed. This
third boiler is then covered by an
earthenware basin. After heating,
the mercury is expanded and con-
densed on the entire surface of the
earthenware basin. This is rubbed
off and put into bamboo tubes. The
mercury obtained in this way is
ready for sale.—Engineering.

Captain Angus Buchanan, who
set out in 1922 on a topographical,
botanical, and zoological expedition
across the Sahara Desert under the
auspices of the Royal Geographical
Society, reached Carmanacet at
the end of March with his companion,
Mr. T. A. Glover, having
travelled over 3,000 miles on camels.



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ARMED ROBBERS.

PLUCKY WOMAN ESCAPES.

EXCITING AFFAIR.

An unusual development in the
modus operandi coupled with un-
foreseen pluck on the part of two
women forestalled an armed rob-
bery attempt in Yau-mat yesterday.
About 1.45 p.m. two men, one
brandishing a revolver, rushed
the stairs of No. 106, Portland
Street. They dragged a woman
occupant across the common land-
ing to the next house, No. 108.
Here they bound her together with
the other inmates. Four
other robbers then entered
No. 106 where the inmates
were "overpowered." Before
they could collect any loot, one of
the women in No. 108 broke loose
in spite of the desperadoes
clinging to her. Making her way
into the street, the plucky woman
at once raised the alarm. Ours this
would-be robbers decamped. Be-
fore this, one of the women in No.
106 who struggled, was stabbed in
the hand.

Within a few minutes a police
cordon had been spread but the
miscreants escaped.

CHILD ON FIRE.

FRENZIED DASH THROUGH
STREET.

As Ivy Victoria Smith, aged 12,
of New Hinksey, near Oxford, was
helping her grandmother to make a
cake, her dress caught fire. The
grandmother, who is a cripple, was
helpless, but an 11-years-old sister
tried to put out the flames.

In terror the child picked up the
cake which had just been placed in
the tin and rushed into the street.
A woman who was passing threw
a coat over her head, but she ran on,
still grabbing the cake, into a shop.
Before the shopkeeper could get
to her she once more rushed into
the street, where another woman
threw a coat over her.

Again she broke away, but was
caught eventually by men who
wrapped her in some bags.
She had received severe injuries,
and died later in hospital at Oxford.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

June, (A.P.C.) from Miri-
Taitoketu.
Vulcanus, (A.P.C.) from Swatow.
North Point, (A.P.C.) from Tarakan.
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Tisalak, (J.C.J.L.) from Kobe.
By
Yunnan, (B. & S.) from Pakhoi.
Ct.
Kasara, (Luen Fat) from Swatow.
Co's Wharf.
Yingchow, (B. & S.) from Shan-
hai.—B12.
Taming, (B. & S.) from Manila.—
C36.
Kwangah, (C. M. S. N. Co.) from
Shanghai.—C19.
Albert Vogler, (Brookeland)
Honkew.—A10.

DEPARTURES.

Empress of Canada (C.P.S. Ltd.)
for Shanghai.—September 22.
Jade (Kij Yu) for Haiphong,
Hoikow.—September 22.
Haitien, (Shun Tin Hong) for
New Chwang, Chefoo.—September
22.
Phenius (B. & S.) for Shanghai.
—September 22.
Foo Chow (B. & S.) for Shanghai.
—September 22.
Hok Canton, (Hong On.) for
Port Bayard.—September 23.
Kaijo Maru, (O.S.K.) for Swatow,
—September 23.
Kwangah, (C. M. S. N. Co.) for
Shanghai.—September 23.
Yusang, (J. M. & Co.) for Swatow,
—September 23.

Residents in adjacent Chinese
territory seem to be making it a
practice of coming into the Colony
whenever they receive gun-shot
wounds. Yesterday, a young man
was removed to hospital from a
boarding-house with wounds in the
forearm and thigh. He was a
native of Ping Hoi and had arrived
the day before.

Copper plaques embodying the
principal details of the London
Troops' Memorial at the Royal
Exchange were presented at the
Mansion House to London units by
the Duke of Connaught on behalf of
the Joint City and County of Lon-
don Memorial Committee, as per-
manent souvenirs to be erected in
the headquarters of the units.

Rheumatism.

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relief obtained. For sale, by all
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LAWN BOWLS.

SHANGHAI FOUR WIN
FINAL MATCH.

The Shanghai bowling team
brought their programme here to a
close yesterday in a match against
the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.
The visitors won by 21 points to 9.
At the close of the game the
Commodore of the Royal Hong-
kong Yacht Club, the Hon. Mr.
A. R. Lowe, congratulated the
teams on the fine sporting game
which they had put up and handed
souvenir spoons to the winning
four. Mr. J. Shaw briefly replied,
thanking the Yacht Club for the
invitation and remarking that the
green played very well having re-
gard to the fact that it was only
laid down a year ago.

The teams and detailed progress-
ive scores were as under:

SHANGHAI	No. 1.	R.H.K.Y.C.	No. 1.
Shaw	No. 2.	Brayfield	No. 2.
Cheetham	No. 3.	Ross	No. 3.
Tomlinson	No. 4.	Shields	No. 4.
Veitch	Skip.	Edwards	Skip.
Shots	Total	Shots	Total
3	3	2	2
1	4	—	—
1	5	—	—
—	5	1	3
—	6	—	—
—	6	2	5
—	7	—	—
—	9	—	—
—	9	2	8
1	10	—	—
2	12	—	—
1	13	—	—
2	15	—	—
1	16	—	—
1	17	—	—
1	18	—	—
1	19	—	—
2	21	—	—
—	21	1	9

INTERPORT TENNIS.

HONGKONG TRIO SAIL
TO-DAY.

The Hongkong interport tennis
team left by the "Empress of
Canada" for Shanghai to-day,
accompanied by the best wishes of
all local sportsmen for their success
at the northern port.

The team comprises three mem-
bers—Messrs. O. Runjahn, S. A.
Runjahn and H. D. Runjahn.
The first two are brothers and the
last-named a cousin of the other
two. All are players who have
come into prominence during recent
years.

The Interport games are to start
in Shanghai on October 1 and will
last for a week. There are three
parts competing—Shanghai, Hong-
kong and Tientsin. The contests
will be one doubles and two singles
for each team.

Mr. S. E. Green was to have been
a member of the team and to have
captained it. He is, however, un-
able to make the journey, and Mr.
S. A. Runjahn will therefore be in
charge.

Hongkong has won the Interport
Tennis for the past three years
against Shanghai, and it is hoped
that the record of successes will
remain unbroken.

On this occasion, there will be
a trophy to fight for, as Mr. J. H.
Taggart, managing director of the
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., has
generously given a silver cup to be
contested for. Hitherto there has
been no Interport trophy.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. s.s. "Donola" on Sept.
21.—Miss Harvey, Miss D. Molloy,
Miss P. V. Shaw, Mr. E. S. Farber,
Lieut. H. G. Stevens, Mr. C. Benjamin,
Miss S. Ail Master, W. J. Bourne, Mrs.
J. L. Gimson, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Malby,
Mr. A. W. Mac Cullum, Mr. M. Helen,
Roy Elmer Root, Mr. H. Walling, Miss
Hollender, Mr. C. W. Lucas, Miss W. M.
Bolderon, Mrs. C. D. Harvey, Master P.
Molloy, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Taiton, Mr.
S. Van West, Mr. and Mrs. Noble, Mr. M.
G. Wallace, Mr. E. J. Bourne, Mr. P. C.
Van Zon, Mrs. R. Stanley Smith, Mrs.
E. Wicks, Mr. O. S. Leggett, Mr.
S. H. Peters, Mrs. R. A. Lofgren, Mr. A.
Thaddeus, Mrs. B. Hemmings, Miss L.
Muir, Mr. M. G. Lewis, Mrs. A. Barlow,
Miss C. Watkins, Mr. B. D. Jorgensen, Mr.
T. B. Gossamer, Master E. W. Bourne,
Mr. F. K. Sanders, Mr. F. S. Hollender,
Miss H. W. Fraser, Mr. E. F. Johnson, Mr.
Fetty A. Nilsson, Mr. and Mrs. Avey,
Mrs. H. Bolderon, Miss E. Hemmings.

The s.s. "Holsang," a river
steamer operated by the Wo Fat
s.s. company is now in dock with
a broken propeller blade. The
accident occurred at Lan Shau,
near the Wangmoon Customs sta-
tion last Wednesday. It appears
the vessel got into shallow water
and the blade was snapped by
coming in contact with the rocky
bottom.

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QUEER CLUBS.

HOODED MEN AND WOMEN
IN CITY TAVERN.

Which is London's queerest
club?

Attention has recently been
drawn to a luncheon club, the
members of which, after a pleasant
meal, indulge in the fascinating
pastime of making and solving
acrostics.

This club is only one among the
many strange and curious ones
which carry out their peculiar and
little-known existence in London,
writes a correspondent.

One of the most interesting is
the "Fireside Club," which con-
sists of literary men, among them
well-known writers, who just sit
round a fireside and talk.

At a certain City tavern there
meet at regular intervals the sur-
viving members of a club founded
some time ago. Although some
members have died, the same num-
ber of covers are laid every year,
and large photographs of the dead
members appear in their places.

In the same tavern meets a
strange assembly of hooded men
and women, the object of whose
gatherings is a mystery.

"The Crimes Club" is perhaps
better known to the public than
some of these strange clubs,
although its meetings are kept
very secret. It is limited to 60
members, who meet three times a
year at a London restaurant and
discuss crime. Its members among
whom are many well-known men
including peers, legal authorities,
and writers, are keen criminol-
ogists.

Negroes, Italians, Frenchmen,
Japanese, all have their clubs,
while there are clubs for people
interested in toy engines, model
steamers, and sailing boats.

THEATRE "SLUMP."

BAD TIMES FOR TOURING
COMPANIES.

Managers and agents connected
with provincial theatres are com-
plaining of bad business all over
the country.

"An exceptionally bad time—
one of the worst I remember," said
Mr. Blackmore, a dramatic agent;
"the unemployment among actors
and actresses, particularly those of
long and more serious experience,
is very great."

Once upon a time August was
the great month for the starting out
of touring companies. This year
the number of companies which
have set hopefully out "on the
road" is comparatively small. And,
with few exceptions, the patronage
being given to even really first-
class companies is meagre.

The truth of the matter seems to
be that, whether for good or only
as a passing phase, a great many
people have given up theatre-going
in the provinces, especially during
the spring and the summer. The
post-war boom in outdoor games,
particularly lawn tennis, has
reacted against the theatre. So has
dancing, so has the motor-coach.
So has the cinema theatre. To a
very large section of amusement-
seekers these counter-attractions
now appeal with greater force than
does a visit to the theatre.

Many of the recent new plays
are not of a nature to appeal to the
provinces, and this lack of new
plays, in the provinces means that
a good many old ones are going
round. And there are many
rubbishy revues being toured.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Hongkong, 23rd September 1923.
17th Sunday after Trinity.
Holy Communion (8 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)
Responses: Venite, No. 2
(8 a.m.); Psalm, 92 (Dunlick).
1st (stained); Te Deum, No. 10 (Hop-
kins); 2nd (Cruick), 5 (Elroy);
Benedictus, No. 11 (Attwood); An-
them, O Lord God, thou strength of
my hearts (Cruick); Hymn, 104 (3).
Reading Service (12 noon).
Evangelion (6 p.m.)
Responses: Psalm 116 (R. H. Hill),
101 (Hayes), 103 (Weller); Magni-
ficat, No. 15 (Goss); Nunc Dimittit,
No. 23 (Hippitt); Hymns, 165, 216,
12.

Union Church (Kennedy Road).

Sunday Services, 23rd September 1923.
Morning at 10 o'clock.
Hymns, 116, 638, 795, 815.
Evening at 6 o'clock.
Hymns, 314, 288, 643, 800.
Fraser, Mr. A. Baxter.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

23rd September 1923, 17th Sunday
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8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Matins and Canon.

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Larkin C. Garrett & Robert O. Garrett

Larkin C. Garrett and Robert O. Garrett have begun a desperate fight in Cumberland Court House, Va., for a change of venue in their trial on the charge of murdering Rev. E. S. Pierce, a Baptist minister. The ablest legal talent in the State has been retained by both sides, and the case has attracted national attention. The dismissal of a pretty school teacher on an alleged scandal charge, together with Rev. Pierce's defence of her, led to the killing.



Frederick Siebold, Jr.

Frederick Siebold, Jr., missing President of the \$1,000,000 Garden Building Corporation, of Chicago, is charged with a shortage of \$150,000 in his accounts. His wife asserts he has eloped with "Blonde Doll" Jessie Taylor.



Camille Howard

One winner of a beauty contest Camille Howard, who had a promising future in the movies at Hollywood, Cal., told the San Francisco police, when she was arrested there with a young forger, that she became a narcotic addict through "snow parties" in Los Angeles, where trays were passed around for the guests to take whatever kind of drug they preferred. She named a number of prominent guests at these "functions."



E. O. Davis and Mrs. Davis No. 1 Below: Mrs. Davis No. 2.

E. O. Davis, of Los Angeles, is under arrest there on a charge of bigamy, it being alleged he liked the two Stucklin sisters, Anna and Theresa, so well, he married both.



Mrs. Helen Blanche Anderson

Mrs. Helen Blanche Anderson, dominated by the urge to tear the sanctimonious mask from the face of high society, as she termed it, became a card medium, invading the homes of the elect. Her beauty is said to have intoxicated callow college youths, prosperous men of middle age and aged "heavy sugar daddies." She found them all easy victims of her unique system of fake occultism, she says.



Leonard Trchzinsky, son of a Russian nobleman, is working his way through the University of Southern California by acting as chief gardener at the university, while his wife, pictured here with him, pays for her commercial course at the university by acting as cashier in a Los Angeles cafeteria.



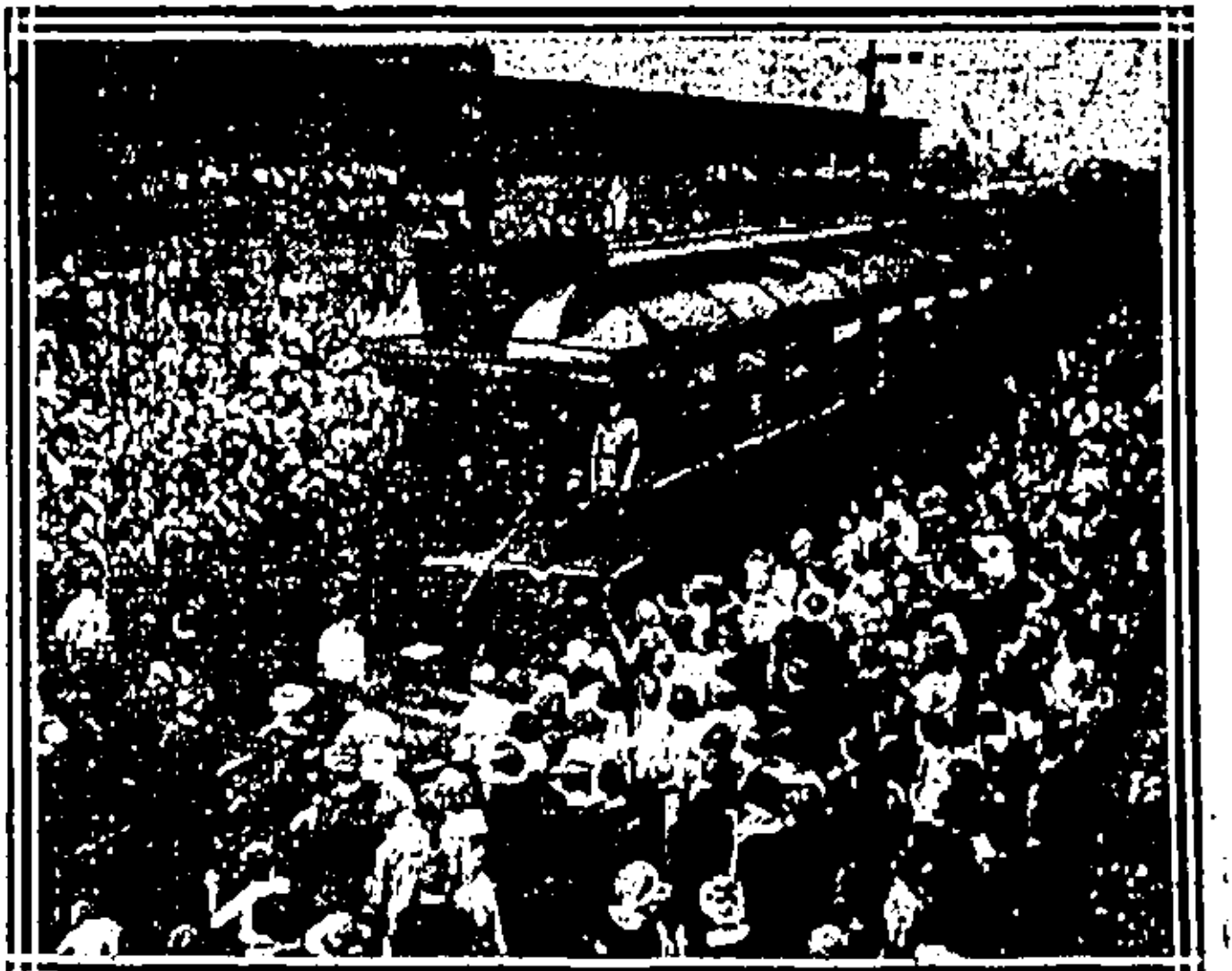
Dr. C. H. Muncie

Dr. Curtis H. Muncie, has been summoned by King Alfonso of Spain to perform an operation on Don Jaime, second son of the Spanish monarchs. The little Prince suffers from congenital deafness, with consequent dumbness.

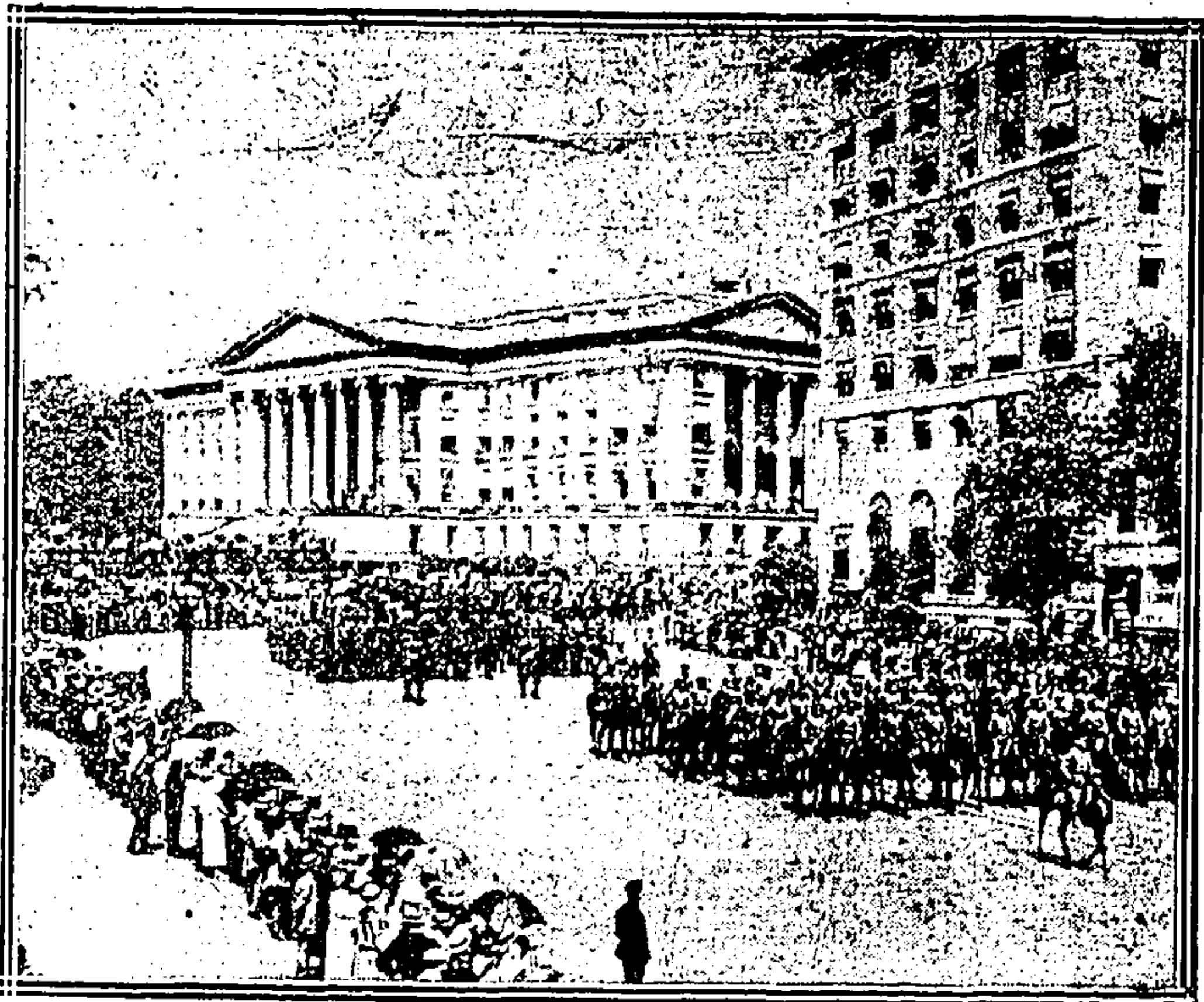


A. E. Van Petten

A. E. Van Petten, newly elected President of the Chamber of Commerce of Topeka, who is totally blind, has started a beautification campaign for the city. Every schoolchild in the city has a part in the work, wearing red tags bearing the pledge: "I won't pick flowers or break off branches; I won't cut across lawns, because it kills the grass; I want Topeka to be more beautiful."



With the mountains and sunbaked plains of the Far West and the waving stretches of midwestern corn behind, the car bearing the remains of Warren G. Harding passed through Chicago on the last lap of its sad journey. Thousands thronged the tracks along its course through the city.



Sun-scorched crowds throng historic thoroughfare to pay with tears and bowed heads homage to leader of 110,000,000.



Mrs. Julian Kline & Mrs. Louis Bigelow

Mrs. Louis Bigelow, visiting in Chicago, expressed a desire to see the night life of the Windy City, so her hostess, Mrs. Julian Kline, and five friends started out to make the tour of the cafes. In the early morning hours a lone bandit held up their automobile and relieved the seven of cash and jewellery worth \$32,000. Mrs. Bigelow's loss was \$5,000.

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